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Dear Parents, Staff and Concerned Citizens:

I'm very pleased to communicate with you again during what I hope is a good summer.

Recently, the Board of Education Policy Subcommittee revised a number of policies included as a part of its 2000 series and 4000 series. The revisions remain available for you to see on the district website under the Board of Education link: <http://www.avon.k12.ct.us/info/Backpack/default.asp?catid=1>. The revisions are in redlined version to assist you with seeing the modifications to the policies as proposed by the Board of Education. These revisions will be voted on by the Board at its August 26th meeting. If you have any questions regarding any of the revisions, please feel free to contact Peggy Roell, Board of Education Chair, at proell@avon.k12.ct.us, Kathy Zirolli, Vice Chair of the Board of Education and Chair of the Policy Subcommittee, at kzirolli@avon.k12.ct.us, or me at gmala@avon.k12.ct.us.

Additionally, a number of primary instructional materials proposed for use with implementing the K-12 English Language Arts and Mathematics curricula have been subject to a thirty (30) day review period. These materials now require an affirmative vote of the Board of Education as the last step in the approval process. A complete listing of the material remains available for review at http://www.avon.k12.ct.us/backpack/English_Language_Arts_and_Mathematics_Curricula.pdf.

Lastly, the district was able to once again secure very competitive pricing on computer equipment, included for financing in the 2014-2015 district operating budget, using a very unique procurement process. The secured pricing for "all in one" desktop and notebooks computers is well below the state contract pricing and will beat any price you may find at retail businesses. As a continued service to our students and families, we have negotiated with the successful vendors to provide you access to this pricing. If you have an interest in purchasing an "all in one" or notebook computer, please visit www.dell.com/avonk12ct (on Dell site, click on *Recommended Business Systems*). The district receives no benefit from any purchase just the satisfaction that a prudent business practice resulting in very competitive pricing for technology can be extended to those whom we serve.

Thank you all for your continued support and thank you for the privilege of serving you and your children.

I look forward to communicating with you again soon.

Very truly yours,

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