

**Englewood Board of Education**  
**May 14, 2020**  
**Administration - ADDENDUM**

**20-A-83            APPROVAL –PASS/FAIL GRADING SYSTEM FOR REMAINDER OF 2019-2020  
SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLUTION WHEREAS, the World Health Organization ("WHO") has identified the Coronavirus 2019 disease ("COVID-19") as a worldwide pandemic;

and WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy declared a public health emergency in the State of New Jersey as a result of the COVID-19 crisis and, since then, has issued a number of Executive Orders generally requiring that schools, non-essential businesses and pursuits close in order to curb the spread of COVID-19;

and WHEREAS, the Englewood School District discontinued in-person instruction consistent with Governor Murphy's Executive Order and, starting on or about March 13, 2020, transitioned to an online format and began providing remote instruction to students;

and WHEREAS, all schools in the State of New Jersey will be required to continue to provide remote instruction and learning for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and likely for an even longer period of time in order to curb the spread of COVID-19;

and WHEREAS, students have or will confront anxiety regarding grades and grade pressure as well as other stresses regarding the well-being and survival of friends and family during these exceptionally trying, difficult and unprecedented times;

and WHEREAS, in order to address the increased stress and grade pressure that students are encountering as a result of the unprecedented societal impact of COVID-19, and in the best interests of the health and welfare of district students, their families, and District faculty, the Superintendent of Schools recommends the report card grading system on a "pass-fail" basis through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, with the temporary modification to District Regulation No. 2624;

and WHEREAS, in order for this temporary modification to take place any student who receives a numerical value above 65 for the fourth marking period of the 2019-2020 school year would receive a PA on a report card for the fourth marking period which would convert to a numerical value of 99, and whereas a student who receives an F during the same marking period would receive a numerical value of 64.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in order to permit students an opportunity to continue their education, in light of the foregoing concerns regarding the health, welfare and safety of students and the school community as a whole, the Board of Education hereby ratifies and approves the modification of the grading system to use a "pass-fail" grading system with respect to the continuation of student classes and school work for the fourth marking period of the 2019-2020 school year, as applicable, subject to the reasonable discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.