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Dear Parents, Staff and Concerned Citizens:

Earlier this month I shared with you some highlights of what has recently occurred, I'd like to share some more positive news that has just recently been released.

StartClass, an education research site, has recently published *The Top High School in Every State*. I am pleased to announce that Avon High School was listed as the top high school in Connecticut.

According to StartClass, high schools are ranked using the most recent data from the National Center for Education Statistics and the Civil Rights Data Collection which includes the following components:

- Exam Passing Rates – math proficiency rates and reading/language arts proficiency rates over the last three years
- School Environment – consists of factors such as the student-teacher ratio, teacher experience and teacher absence rate
- Disciplinary Actions – the school's retention rate, in-school suspension rate and out-of-school suspension rate
- College Preparatory Measures – the percent of students who pass an AP exam, or the percent of students who take the ACT or SAT
- Graduation/Retention Rates – the rate at which seniors graduate as well as the percent of students who get held back a grade

The article can be read in its entirety at: http://public-schools.startclass.com/stories/19685/top-high-school-every-state?utm_source=email&utm_medium=share

It is through the collaboration of the dedicated work of Avon Public School staff, tremendous support of the parents and incredible hard work of our students that we can all celebrate in this great achievement.

Very truly yours,

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