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Dear Parents and Members of the Avon Education Community,

The moment Avon Public Schools' youngest learners arrive, we begin our partnership on the path to high school graduation. As part of maintaining this essential partnership with our parents and community members, we must maintain an open dialogue with you to ensure that we continue to reflect the goals and aspirations of the entire community.

As part of the District's work to implement our Blueprint for Excellence, we have established a process by which we can gather input from you as we develop Avon's Portrait of the Graduate, a vision that will guide our practice from Pre-Kindergarten through graduation. This vision must reflect the essential skills and attributes every student needs to be successful in a highly dynamic and challenging world.

In order to gather this input and involve as many parents and community stakeholders as possible, we would like to invite you to contribute your thoughts in a virtual community conversation on this topic. Using a platform called Thoughtexchange, participants will have the opportunity to share their thoughts, read those of other participants, and assign "stars" (from a low of 1 to a high of 5) to show how important each idea is to them. Finally, participants will also have a chance to discover the top-rated thoughts in the conversation and visit the site often and add more comments throughout the process.

Sharing your thoughts could take you as little as 5 - 10 minutes and you can complete the questions at your own pace as well as come back to review your answers at any time. The Thoughtexchange platform can be accessed at <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#481184040>, thoughtexchange.com or on the IOS Thoughtexchange app. Select "Join" and enter the code, 481184040. Please respond by Wednesday, December 18th. If you need technical help, please call Thoughtexchange at 1-800-361-9027 ext. 4 or email feedback@thoughtexchange.com.

We hope that you will contribute to this interactive experience to continue our partnership as we create Avon's Portrait of the Graduate. Thank you for taking the time to share what is important to you.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bridget Heston Carnemolla".

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