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Dear Parents, Staff and Concerned Citizens:

Last week, I sent out information regarding a significant reduction of the funds slated for the district to receive under the Open Choice Academic Grant. More specifically, for fiscal year 2015-2016, Avon received \$217,125.00 and for fiscal year 2016-2017, the district will receive \$101,225.00, a reduction of almost \$116,000.

The funds received via this grant are used to provide academic support to all Avon students, including but not limited to non-resident students. The funds are also used to support after school programs, transportation, hosting specific school-based programs and staff professional development.

In addition to the Open Choice Academic Grant, the district receives funds under the Open Choice Attendance Grant – a grant which is provided as a tuition amount for each non-resident students enrolled in our schools. This grant was not reduced at this time and we are hopeful that the district will continue to receive these funds as budgeted for the 2016-2017 school year.

I hope this addresses any questions that may be circulating in our community around this matter.

Please also let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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