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Dear Eastern Local Families and Community Members,

Eastern Junior-Senior High School in conjunction with district administration and the Eastern Local Board of Education has examined the current graduation policies and procedures at senior awards and commencement over the last year while comparing it to our district mission and vision goals for our students. The district mission is “All Eastern Students will develop into tough, disciplined, kind individuals who upon graduation will be prepared to start their E.” The district vision is “Eastern Local students will develop the skills and traits necessary to graduate and successfully move into their “E” and contribute to the community.” The “E” stands for **E**mployed in a career path that is aligned to the students’ goals, **E**nlisted in a United States Armed Forces Branch, or **E**nrolled in post-secondary education working towards the completion of a program to achieve gainful employment.

Currently, we operate on a Top Ten, Valedictorian Traditional Graduation System. Only the top ten students are academically honored, and it is based entirely on Weighted GPA. Weighted GPA is only applied to courses that align with honor course criteria that are CCP or high school traditional honors courses. It is not applied to career technical education courses, many career based CCP courses, career exploration courses, and many other electives. In an effort to better support all students pursuing their “E” and finding what will work best for them in their efforts

to secure employment that matches their strengths, the district has adopted a Latin Graduation System beginning with the Class of 2028.

The Latin System still allows traditional top students to be academically honored in a Latin Category, but also allows career technical students to be recognized for their academic achievements in career fields such as Vo-Ag, IT, Nursing, Automotive Mechanics, Welding, and many others. The Latin System allows for recognition based on unweighted GPA by category, and encourages students to choose the secondary-school pathway that is best fitting for themselves and their long-term professional goals. The Latin System is the standard college graduation system and is also quickly becoming incredibly common in high schools across the state. Specific details for Latin Honors Requirements and Categories will be included in the Eastern Junior-Senior High School Handbook and a phase in process will begin in the coming years.

Our number one goal is for all students to graduate with a plan and receive education that is geared towards their career ambitions and life goals. The Latin System will promote student academic focus and planning based on their career interests following our commitment to community here at Eastern Local. This goal is very skills and individual based, and we encourage all of our students to know all career possibilities and choose a pathway that will be the most beneficial to themselves in finding their “E.”

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have by calling the high school office at 740-985-3329 or emailing Garret Hall at gahall@easternlocal.net .