

February 10, 2020

Dear Members of the Motley County ISD School Board,

I apologize for not being able to attend the board meeting tonight. I have had a retina doctor appointment for six months. I feel like asking to change it would require another long wait. My appointment is for 2:00 p.m. and usually takes about three hours for them to run all of the tests.

I feel like we need to change the weighting of several classes for next year in order to stay in compliance with the Programs of Study as listed by TEA. You approved the Programs of Study at a previous meeting. While preparing the course catalog for next year, I noticed that TEA had rated some of the classes at a higher level than the previous year.

Changing the weights will not affect the GPA of any one student more than another because generally, all of the students in a given grade classification take the courses at the same time. Changing the weights will only keep us more in compliance with the way TEA sees the difficulty of the courses.

I am attaching a copy of this year's weighting chart and a proposed weighting chart for next year. The courses involved have been "color coded". If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. Talking does not involve highly dilated eyes.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Kathy Gillespie

Proposed

2020-2021

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for Classes Graduating in 2021 and Beyond**

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