

# Class Rank & Average Committee



Report to the Board of Education  
May 24, 2016

# Rationale for Convening a Committee

- Discussion at ILC due to community concerns that were raised as to “fairness” of process.
- ILC determined that a committee should be formed, with Darlene Latten being appointed as chairperson.

# Committee Members

- Darlene Latten, Chair
- Lori Andersen, Teacher
- Stacy Bell, Counselor
- Josh Button, Student
- William Cheetham, LeMoyne College
- Joel Christopher, Student
- Reed Cleland, Student
- Doreen Fagerheim, Parent
- Audrey Fairchild, Counselor
- Hal Fuller, Teacher
- Lisa Gugerty, Parent
- Cathie Heath, Teacher
- Shelly Jacobi, Parent
- Beth Krauss, Teacher
- Alaina Spadaro, Counselor
- Tammy Stokoe, Teacher
- Tom Turck, Principal
- Doug VanEtten, Principal
- Monica Willsey, Parent
- Mark Yacavone, SUNY Cortland

# Meeting Dates

- December 10, 2015
- January 14, 2016
- January 21, 2016



# Committee Process

- Reviewed what is currently in place.
- Discussion followed with stakeholders voicing their opinions.
- Colleges reviewed their perspective.
- Articles were read and reviewed.
- Data was reviewed from comparable schools.
- Current rating of 1.05 for Honors and 1.1 AP classes was bumped to 1.1 and 1.15 respectively to see the possible impact.
- Final discussions led to the following recommendations by majority vote.

# Committee Recommendations

- Ranks and weightings will not be public. Used only as needed for scholarship through the institution.
- Rank and average done after six semesters rather than current practice (after seven semesters).
- Weighting will remain at current levels.
- Maintain Valedictorian and Salutatorian.
- Junior High practice of announcing Grade 8 class rank by average should be discontinued.

# ILC Kept Abreast of Committee Work and Discussed Recommendations

- Updates: October, November, December 2015
- Report: February 2016
- Group Processing: March 2016
- Voted on Recommendations: April 2016

Committee  
Recommendations  
were presented to  
ILC along with  
some questions.

- If we don't have weight and rank, how and when would we honor students other than the top 10%?
- What would be the potential positive and negative effects of not publicizing rank?
- How would Junior High be affected?
- If we don't have weight and rank, do we have Valedictorian and Salutatorian?
- Could there be different criteria for Valedictorian and Salutatorian?
- Junior High practice of announcing Grade 8 class rank by average should be discontinued.



# ILC's Vote on Recommendations

- Do not publicize student's rank and weighted averages, which includes printing them on transcripts. (YES)
- Continue determining rank and average after seven semesters. (YES)
- Maintain the current weighting system. (YES)
- Continue naming a Valedictorian and Salutatorian. (NO)
- Recommend the Junior High follow the decided upon procedure for publicizing averages and rank (YES)
- Consider new/other ways to recognize achievement. Ongoing. (YES)

When would  
changes go into  
effect?

For the High School,  
students beginning 9th  
grade in September  
2016.

For the Junior High,  
students beginning 6th  
grade in September  
2016.

What questions do you have?