**To: Mrs. Bowe’s English 10 Period 1 class**

From: Mrs. Bowe

Subject: DCAS Pledge of Improvement and Achievement.

I write this proposal to you, my students, in hopes of inspiring you to improve and achieve on this Spring DCAS. Your results mean more to you than you know. The problem I can see is that some students might not try their best on this state test. For so long, nothing has really happened if you achieve or don’t achieve on this test. However, that is changing. I propose a couple of incentives for you, both individually and as a class, if you improve your DCAS results.

The class average on the Fall DCAS was 813 - you need to score at least an 820 to meet the standards and earn a 3. Out of 21 students who took the FALL Reading DCAS, 10 people earned a 3 or 4. There are a wide variety of reasons for why over half the class did not meet the standard including students not having a good day, not taking the test seriously, or not being prepared. I believe that the work we have done has addressed your being prepared.

I can’t control if you get a good breakfast or get enough sleep when we take DCAS. However, I can offer you a reason and some incentives to help you take the test more seriously. One reason you need to take the test more seriously is that your success in school is dependent upon your reading abilities. We take reading seriously in all courses.

Therefore, the incentives I offer you are as follows:

* **If you earn a 4 and you meet or exceed your growth target**, you will be exempt from your final exam in this class and will earn an A (100%) for that final exam grade. Additionally, I will add 30 bonus points to your marking period 3 (not percentage points – point total).
* **If you earn a 3 on the DCAS and you meet or exceed your growth target**, you will be exempt from your final exam in this class and will earn a B (92%) for that final exam grade. Additionally, I will add 20 bonus points to your marking period 3 (not percentage points – point total).
* **If your score meets or exceeds your growth target but you don’t earn a 3 or 4.** I will add 10 bonus points to your marking period 3 (not percentage points – point total). You’ve shown improvement. You will still have to take the final if you don’t earn a 3 or 4 as you must show that you have met the standards.
* Furthermore, **if the class accountability score average improves to an 821 average,** I will bring in goodies for the class AND add an additional 10 points to everyone’s grade (not percentage points, point total).

In conclusion, there are many factors that I can’t control with testing. I know you take many tests throughout the year, many more than we had to or your parents had to when we were in tenth grade. However, I believe that the reason as well as the incentives that I am offering are a solid proposal for you doing better on DCAS.

If you agree to my proposal, please sign the Period 1 DCAS pledge poster. If you don’t sign the poster, you receive none of the incentives even if you meet one of the categories.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bowe

You earned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on DCAS.

Your growth target is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Meet or exceed that target and you are guaranteed at least 10 bonus points to MP 3.