**PARENTS – SAMPLE TEMPLATE to Recognize EID Holiday request to School District**

**Subject:** Request to Recognize the Eid as a District-wide Holiday – AVON

Dear Superintendent & Staff,

I am (your-name) a resident of Avon and <# of > kids in AVON public school and writing this email to **First of all BIG Thank you to Avon Board of Education team and you** in accommodating the **Ramadhan** very much appreciated.

My kids are so happy when they heard **morning announcement** – **Ramadhan wishes** for student whoever observing fasting. This demonstrated **Avon Schools & Board of Education** commitment towards embracing diversity and inclusion – again much appreciated.

If your kids want excused day off on **Monday March 31, 2025 – then include the below content**

<< I request that **[student name]** be given an excused absence on [**date**] to celebrate Eid al-Fitr with their family, friends, and community. Any schoolwork missed or tests can be made up. Please do not hesitate to contact me to further discuss providing these accommodations while continuing to promote a safe and supportive school environment. Thank you! >>

**IMPORTANT :** I also requesting the Board of Education to include in the Avon Schools Academic Calendars – the Observance of our **Eid Holidays for upcoming year**. **Refer the attached EID dates.**

Eid al-Fitr, or the “Feast of Breaking the Fast,” and Eid al-Adha, the “Festival of Sacrifice,” are very important holidays of giving and gratitude that involve special services, ceremonies, and traditions celebrated with family and the community.

Avon – Farmington Valley is home to a sizeable and growing Muslim population. Hundreds of families live in Avon and a large portion consists of school age children and young adults enrolled in Avon Public School.

Avon schools district recognizing Eid as a Holiday would provide Muslim students with long overdue accommodation. Stamford, Manchester, Bridgeport, Trumbull, Fairfield, New Haven, Newington, Berlin, Hamden, Waterbury, and Norwalk etc., already have the Eid holiday off, and we believe that AVON should be on this list as well. Avon has dedicated days off from school for many non-religious and religious holidays, including Diwali, Yom Kippur, Good Friday.

* Recognizing Eid as a holiday will allow students to observe their faith freely, without the need to choose between religious observance and attending school.
* This recognition will help reduce Islamophobia in schools by fostering a more inclusive environment, where Muslim students feel a stronger sense of belonging and connection to the community they call home.
* Recognizing Eid will strengthen community bonds, promoting unity and harmony within the community, while encouraging dialogue, engagement, and collaboration among students, families, and staff from diverse backgrounds.
* Convey a powerful message to Muslim students, showing that their culture, traditions, and religious observances are respected and valued.
* It will celebrate the rich cultural diversity within our district, encouraging acceptance and understanding among students from all backgrounds.
* It will positively impact the overall well-being of Muslim students by creating a supportive and nurturing environment that recognizes their identities, fostering a positive sense of self-worth and mental health.

<kids name - **Grade #** >

Sincerely,

Your name | Your email | Your Phone #