With the understanding that the School Committee is committed to uphold a higher standard for Tahanto students, the following are possible options for the Tahanto handbook around failing marks and participation in extracurricular activities:

Option 1:
The handbook would stay as written.

Adding extra language has been discussed at length with the School Council, Department Chairs, the committee reviewing/revising the Athletic Handbook, review of policies across the Commonwealth, and faculty. The consensus among all of these groups is that the handbook as written as Tahanto has a higher passing grade than most districts (65 or above) and policies are more stringent than the MIAA which allows for up to 2 failing grades.

Option 2:

The handbook would stay as written with the added language.
This option also aligns with the School Council, Department Chairs, the committee reviewing/revising the Athletic Handbook, and faculty.

If a student is failing one course and is participating in any extracurricular activities, to support academic success the student must attend ACE Club and/or an extra help session two times per week until they are no longer failing that course during the next quarter or interim report whichever comes first. If a student misses 2 consecutive sessions, the student will meet with the coach and administration, and if a student continues to miss sessions after this meeting the student will not be able to continue participating in extracurricular activities.

Student Failures and impact on ability to participate in various activities:

Handbook Information:

Senior Privilege: (page 15)

• Students must be in satisfactory academic standing with no failing grades in any course. To be eligible for the first quarter of the senior year, no failing grades will be allowed in any course either the 4th quarter or final grade of a course at the end of the junior year. No failing grades will be allowed in any quarter of the senior year.

If a student is failing one class, the student will be required to attend their scheduled study halls during the school day.

**Senior privilege is not an extracurricular (outside of the academic day). This is different because senior students who are failing must come to their study that is scheduled during the academic part of their day and the best opportunity for the student to succeed because they will have access to their teachers and extra help during that study hall.

Extracurricular activities: (page 31)

A student must secure during the last marking period preceding the extracurricular activity (e.g. second quarter marks and not semester grades determine third quarter eligibility) a passing grade (numerical grade of 65 or above) in all but one major subject. Major subjects are those classes that meet five days per week. At Tahanto, this means that students cannot fail more than one (1) major subject. Eligibility for fall extracurricular activities is determined by the final year marks. Incomplete grades do not count as passing grades. The academic eligibility of all students shall be considered as official and determined only on the date when the report cards for that marking period have been issued to the parents of all the students within a particular class. Academic eligibility is required for a student to participate in any extracurricular activity with the exception of Homework Club. A student cannot count towards eligibility for any subject taken during the summer, unless that subject has been taken and previously failed.

If a student is failing one course and is participating in any extracurricular activities, to support academic success the student must attend ACE Club and/or an extra help session two times per week until they are no longer failing that course during the next quarter or interim report whichever comes first. If a student misses 2 consecutive sessions, the student will meet with the advisor and administration, and if a student continues to miss sessions after this meeting the student will not be able to continue participating in extracurricular activities.

Athletics: (Athletic Handbook, - appendix within our Handbook, page 90)

C. Academic Requirements

A student must secure during the last marking period preceding the contest (e.g. second quarter marks and not semester grades determine third quarter eligibility) a passing grade (numerical grade of 65 or above) in all but one major subject. Major subjects are those classes that meet five days per week.

If a student is failing one course and is participating in any extracurricular activities, to support academic success the student must attend ACE Club and/or an extra help session two times per week until they are no longer failing that course during the next quarter or interim report whichever comes first. If a student misses 2 consecutive sessions, the student will meet with

the coach and administration, and if a student continues to miss sessions after this meeting the student will not be able to continue participating in extracurricular activities.

Eligibility for fall sports is determined by the final year marks.

Incomplete grades do not count as passing grades.

The academic eligibility of all students shall be considered as official and determined only on the date when the report cards for that marking period have been issued to the parents of all the students within a particular class.

Academic eligibility is required for a student to participate in any scrimmage or game.

A student cannot count towards eligibility for any subject taken during the summer, unless that subject has been taken and previously failed.
