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

**Subject:** Request to Recognize the Eid as a District-wide Holiday – <your town name>

 Dear Superintendent & Staff,

*[****In your own words****,*

1. *Thank School teachers, Principals and Board of Education for accommodating Ramadhan – how it helped your kids in terms of schedule , work management and moral support.*

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.**

I, resident of Avon requesting the Board of Education to include in the Avon Schools Academic Calendars – the Observance of our Eid Holidays.

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 <**Your town name>** 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.

*2. Request recognizing Eid as a district-wide holiday. Please mention the reasons why you want this to happen. You may include some of the following reasons in your email.]*

* 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.
* Board of Education will demonstrate its commitment to embracing diversity and creating an inclusive educational environment.
* It will send 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.

[ Mention –kids school name with Grade – for other this is not mandatory. ]

 Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Email Address]

[Phone Number]  - Optional.