Pass/Fail Proposal
Motivation

Medical students experience higher rates of depression and burnout than age-matched peers.\textsuperscript{1,2}

These difference in wellness arise during medical school.

Burnout is a significant problem in the profession.\textsuperscript{3,4}
Positive effects of pass/fail

- Less perceived stress
- Greater group cohesion
- This straightforward change has shown statistically significant improvement in student wellness.\textsuperscript{5,6}
Potential questions

- What is the role of pre-clinical grades in a residency application?
  - Ranked among the least or the least important aspect of the application by surveyed residency directors\textsuperscript{7,8}

- How will Alpha Omega Alpha selection?
  - Dr. Harper supportive of modifying the selection process
What do students think?

- **Class of 2014**
  - 100% of the class has signed a petition asking for this change

- **Class of 2013**
  - 73% reported an increased level of stress with the change to H/P/F
  - 88% support change to P/F in second year
Proposal

- Grading system of the first two years of DMS be pass/fail.

- The pass line would be established prior to the course and the course director would have the discretion to lower, but not raise this line.

- This proposal would be one step towards improving student wellness at DMS.
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