In Brightspace/D2L, the built-in Grade Item "Final Calculated Grade" can give you and your students both their Final Average and a running average at any point in the semester. In the past, the Final Grade was, NOT initially released to Students. Instructors had to manually release the Final Grade for every course every semester. Now, D2L has a setting to "Automatically release final grade", which (for courses created in D2L after June, 2017) is ON by default. This handout shows two places where Instructors can control the setting, if you wish to wait till later.

Gradebook Setup Wizard - Step 2: Final Grade Released

In the Grades Setup Wizard, under Step 2: Final Grade Released, you'll see the option to Automatically release final grade. When enabled (checkmarked), D2L automatically releases the final grade to Students. D2L will release a student's Final Grade the first time a grade is saved. This setting will be ON by default for Spring 2018, but Instructors can control it (turn it on or off) here.
Gradebook Settings: Calculation Options

You can also find this setting in Gradebook Settings - the gear icon, top right of Gradebook. In the Calculation Options tab, under Final Grade Released, 1) you’ll see Automatically release final grade. When enabled (checkmarked), D2L automatically releases the final grade to Students. D2L will release a student's Final Grade the first time a new grade is saved. This setting will be ON by default for Spring 2018, but Instructors can control it (turn it on or off) here. Be sure to also check that 2) Auto Update: Automatically keep final grades updated is also selected, so Final Grade calculations are recalculated automatically and kept updated.