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Dear Parents of Students in Grades 9-11,

I hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during this challenging time. While we miss your children greatly, we recognize that their health and well-being, and the health and well-being of our staff, must come first. I also want to thank you for your efforts to support your child's learning at home. Remote learning will continue through the last day of the school year.

In keeping with a new grading policy adopted by the state school board on April 23, our grading guidance has changed since our last communication to you. Your child's third quarter report cards will show student progress through March 13<sup>th</sup>, the last day prior to school closures. Students enrolled in Early and Middle Colleges who completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter prior to March 13<sup>th</sup> will receive their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grade as already stored.

According to guidance provided by the North Carolina State Board of Education, students have a choice in how grades appear on their transcript.

The final report card grade will be based on the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grade:

- A numeric grade is shown for students with grades 80 and above.
- A Pass (PC19) is shown for students who had a numeric grade of 60-79.
- A Withdraw (WC19) is shown for students who had a numeric grade below 60.

**Student grades can only improve during remote learning. Students with a Withdraw (WC19) will receive a credit once they work to improve the grade to a Pass.**

Students who wish to make changes (for each course) from a numeric grade to a Pass (PC19) or a Pass (PC19) to a numeric grade may do so after an individual session with the school counselor. Students can make decisions on recorded numeric grades OR Pass (PC19) prior to the 46<sup>th</sup> day of the 20-21 academic year to request changes after meeting with the school counselor. More information about summer remote learning opportunities is forthcoming. Please contact your child's school with questions.

#### Students in year-long courses

Students will receive two final semester grades for year-long courses, one Semester 1 grade and one Semester 2 grade. To determine final semester grades, the average of the two grades (Semester 1 and Semester 2) will replace the lower semester grade with the average. The higher semester grade will remain. GPAs and grades can only improve during remote learning.

Please contact your child's school with any questions you may have. Again, thank you for your patience and perseverance. We appreciate you more than you'll ever know, and so look forward to seeing your children again when schools reopen.

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Enclosure: Frequently Asked Questions, Grades K-11