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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 6th, the last day of our third quarter.

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 3rd 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 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. More information about summer remote learning opportunities is forthcoming. Please contact your child's school with questions.

Students in year-long courses

If a student's grade at the end of remote learning is higher than their recorded grade at the end of the first semester, the average of the two scores (the final grade) will replace the semester 1 grade, the semester 2 grade and the final grade. For example, if a student received a 70 in Biology for the semester 1 grade and improves to an 80 during remote learning, he/she will receive a final grade of 75. The 75 will also replace the semester 1 grade and the semester 2 grade.

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.

Sincerely,

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