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Dear PPA Families,

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In an effort to advance students in their learning through June 2020 and beyond, Pelham Preparatory Academy has adapted its grading policy in accordance with NYCDOE academic policy to reflect the realities of remote learning and its effect on each student's performance. Adjustments were made to acknowledge the impact of remote learning on the ways in which students complete their assigned work. As of May 13, 2020, the Accreditation Committee at PPA approved our Remote Learning School-Wide Grading Policy. Please take this opportunity to review our [Pelham Preparatory Academy 2020 Remote-Learning Grading Policy](#) in this link and on our school website: pelhamprepacademy.org.

In addition, please see an explanation of the following course marks of NX and CR:

- Students whose final grades are below 65 and there is insufficient work to determine a final grade must be awarded a grade of NX (course in progress).
- Students who receive a final grade of NX will have time after Spring 2020, including summer learning opportunities, to continue working on areas of improvement and to demonstrate proficiency.
- Students will have until January 2021 to complete outstanding coursework for grades of NX.
- Students who are relying on passing a Regents course in order to qualify for the corresponding Regents waiver must successfully complete outstanding courses (NX) by August 2020.
- If students do not achieve the course learning outcomes by January 2021, the school must update the NX grade to "no credit" (NC).
- PPA seniors must be prioritized to complete outstanding coursework as soon after June as possible.
- If students' final grades are passing, parents/guardians make the final decision about whether the final grade remains on the existing scale or is updated to credit (CR). This decision happens after final report cards are issued in June.
- Parents and/or guardians will have the option to replace passing final grades with grades of credit (CR). Parents have the final say in this determination; students need not meet specific criteria. Parents may choose the CR option for all passing courses or for specific passing courses (e.g., math only).
- Grades of CR are not included in students' GPAs.
- Upon issuing final report cards in June, schools must inform all parents of their right to select a grade of CR for their passing courses and provide parents specific instructions for submitting their requests to designated school staff. Schools must invite parents to discuss their preference and decision with staff.
- Parents have the right to submit or revise their preference through November 30, 2020. Schools must honor all such requests.
- The New York State Education Department (NYSED) and the Board of Regents cancelled the June and August Regents and LOTE administrations. Students who intended to take any June 2020 Regents may be eligible for a June 2020 Regents exemption.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's guidance counselor, Ms. Michelle Applebaum (mapplebaum@pelhamprepacademy.org) or Mrs. Carolina Leroy (CLeroy@schools.nyc.gov).

Sincerely,
Benvenuto Ferron, Principal