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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope this e-mail finds you and your family well. We appreciate your support and patience as we continue to navigate the circumstances of this unanticipated extended closure. Each week we continue to strive to improve our practices and supports for students using remote learning tools and platforms. We continue to be available to you and your child if any questions or concerns may arise as this closure and distance learning continues.

As you know, the third marking period ended on March 13th. This marking period was shorter than usual as we wanted to give students the opportunity to adjust to remote learning before teachers began the process of assessing student work and progress. The fourth marking period started on March 14th and will extend through the end of the school year. Many schools were unable to distribute third marking period report cards as there was no accessibility to school buildings and virtual sharing of information was only available for students already in e-School Grade book. Third marking period grades will be available when the final report cards are sent. As you also are probably aware, all New York State Alternate Assessments (NYSAA) and New York State 3-8 and Regents Exams were cancelled for the 2019-2020 school year. We will be sharing updated information regarding the schedule for mid-May through the end of the school year as it becomes available.

For the fourth quarter we intend to assign number grades based on student work, assessments and/or participation. Our goal is to provide continued instruction, opportunities for support and regular communication and outreach regarding assignments and expectations. Much of this information will be in Google Classroom. Teachers will continue to invite students to office hours using Google Meets, provide access to virtual online videos, Nearpod lessons, Flip Grid Lessons etc. Students will be graded on the following criteria for each of their subjects:

Students that complete most or all work may receive grades ranging from (80%-100%)

Students that complete some of the work may receive grades ranging from (65%-79%)

Students that complete very little to no work may receive grades ranging from (55%-64%)

(If there are extenuating circumstances that interfere with your child's ability to complete work, please reach out to me directly)

- *Please note that if your child has been having some difficulty getting started or staying motivated, the best course of action is to reach out to the teachers directly or to reach out to your child's clinician. We are aware that these circumstances have presented challenges for families and students alike. Throughout this process, we have found that in these instances, creating individualized support plans have been beneficial.*
- *You may request your child's Google Classroom login information or request that you be cc'd on invitations to Google Classroom by the teachers to help you remain aware of assignments and due dates.*
- *If you have any concerns regarding access to technology, please reach out to Alberta Grant-Johnson, Principal via e-mail at agrant-johnson@swboces.org. Additionally, you may reach out to me directly with any questions, concerns or issues.*

Thank you and we hope to see students in school again soon,