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Greetings All,

We received notice from Governor DeWine yesterday afternoon that remote learning would be how we finish this (2019-2020) school year. Most educators were expecting this to be the case and as a result, plans have been developed to close in the best fashion possible. We fully realize the last few weeks have been challenging in many ways, including adjusting to the remote learning piece, but I am extremely proud of both our teachers/school staff, and our students and families, for once again stepping up to meet the challenge head-on with both creativity and compassion. Living our mission "*Academic and Social Growth, for ALL students, every day!*" has been our push from day one of this school year and will remain at the forefront as we journey through the final days. The fourth quarter of any school year brings many important events and closure activities. The below points speak to how we plan to conduct multiple end-of-year endeavors:

Fourth Quarter Grading

K – 5th grade: Students will be given a Pass or Fail grade for the work they are assigned during the remote learning phase. It's important to continue the routines that have been established these last four weeks as we finish the school year. We fully expect the learning process to continue and for students to put forth their best effort.

6 – 12th grade: The fourth quarter grade will be an average of first, second, and third quarter grades. All work during the remote learning phase will count as the second semester exam grade (or 20% of the 2nd semester grade). There will be no change in the grading of SEMESTER ONLY courses. High School courses that are weighted will continue to be so.

Secondary Schedule (2020/2021) Distribution

Elementary Placement will continue as normal. Student learning styles and grade level to grade level conversations will happen with teachers in each school, to align students with the best possible scenario for the next school year.

Junior High schedules will be mailed out the week of May 11, 2020. Incoming 6th grade students will receive their schedules in early August.

High School schedules will be mailed out the week of May 4, 2020.

*All requests for secondary (Grades 6 – 12) schedule changes need to be communicated to your child's guidance counselor by May 28, 2020. Contact information will accompany the mailed schedules.

Student Possession Pick-up/Laptop and school item turn in

Elementary – Brain bag #2 turn in/Brain Bag #3 pick-up is Monday, May 4. Possession pickup at the elementary level will vary by building. Principals will be in communication regarding their process in the coming weeks.

Junior High & High School – Mr. Morris will be sending out a sign-up genius for students to pick up their possessions and drop off their laptops. We plan to conduct possession pickup and laptop drop off during the week of May 26 (Tuesday) through Friday, May 29. Time frames will be listed on the sign-up genius. For social distancing purposes no more than 10 students per fifteen-minute block will be allowed in the buildings. We ask that anyone entering the schools for possession pickup and laptop drop off wear a mask. Our custodial crew will be in each school wiping down common touch points, etc. during this endeavor.

Class of 2020 / Graduation

We have four options for honoring our *Class of 2020* in a traditional graduation ceremony. Our primary objective is to provide a first-class ceremony for our graduates, and to do it in person - not virtually. Below are the four options we have in place depending on the state's orders for large group gatherings:

Plan A – Saturday, July 11, 2020

Plan B – Saturday, October 10, 2020

Plan C – Tuesday, December 29, 2020

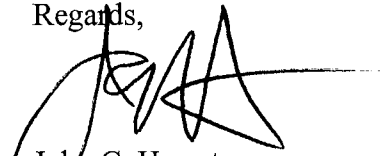
Plan D – Saturday, May 22, 2021 (Class of 2020 will be recognized in early afternoon and the Class of 2021 in evening).

*As a result of the Governor's most recent orders and directives, we are unable to host major end of the year events including, but not limited to: Prom, 8th Grade Dance, Awards Ceremonies, etc.

We appreciate your support as we continue to make the most of this school year and look forward to finishing strong! None of this is ideal. So much of what we do centers on relationships. It can be tricky relating remotely. But we will continue to do our best and make the most of the next few weeks.

If you have questions about any of the above information please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, principal, or myself. We are here to help!

Regards,



John C. Hamstra
Superintendent

Mission: "Academic and Social growth for all students, EVERY DAY!"

Motto: "Excellence through Relationships!"

Core Values: Trust, Respect, Ownership, and Leadership