



# North Syracuse Central School District

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Dear NSCSD Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades 5-12,

As we move into the month of April I am writing with a few updates regarding marking period grading and technology.

**Marking Period 3.** For students in grades 5-12, Marking Period 3 will end on April 14 and grades will be posted on SchoolTool April 24. While we encourage all of our students to fully engage during the time of the school closure, students will not be penalized for missing assignments in the period immediately after March 16. Students are encouraged to use the extra week of instruction (4/6-4/10) to make up any missing assignments.

**Marking Period 4.** Marking Period 4 will start on April 15. Given the unique nature of distance learning, teachers will continue to instruct online and will be evaluating students based on the completion of assignments and evidence of learning. We encourage all of our students to fully engage in distance learning and continue to work closely with our teachers toward mastering content and meeting grade-level standards. We will make a final determination on calculating 4<sup>th</sup> marking period and final grades once we know more about the timeline for the mandatory closure.

**Technology.** At this time the District has distributed more than 3,100 Chromebooks and the vast majority of students continue to be engaged in the learning process. Please remember that Chromebooks are the property of the North Syracuse Central School District and are to be used only for educational purposes. Students should be using these Chromebooks as a tool to connect with their teachers and further their education. We are asking parents to actively monitor students' use of school technology and follow these guidelines:

- Set structured, regular times for students to engage in distance learning activities
- Consider appropriate locations for video conferencing and completing assignments
- Remind students that log-in credentials should never be shared
- Communicate with your child's teacher if there are questions or concerns

We know you are doing your best to support your child's education throughout the school closure. We also know that this transition has been challenging and overwhelming at times. As a District, we are appreciative of your commitment and efforts and we will continue to gather feedback to streamline and improve our process.

Sincerely,

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