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Dear NSCSD Parents and Guardians:

As you know, we are nearing the end of an unprecedented school year. Over the past several months, we have made adjustments to school schedules and calendars as circumstances have evolved during this pandemic. This letter provides an update regarding final grades and modifications to the 2019-2020 school calendar.

**Grades K-4.** Trimester 3 (T3) began March 21 and will end on **June 15**. Report cards will be available on June 22. For directions on how to log into the Parent Portal (SchoolTool) and access report cards, click on the links below:

To view K-4 Report Card using a Personal Computer (PC) [click here](#)

To view K-4 Report Card using a Smartphone or Tablet, [click here](#)

Trimester 3 instruction and grading will focus on the core content areas of ELA and Math. All reporting will be in narrative form and will include an overview of what was taught in T3, student participation in online learning/assignments (Consistent, Inconsistent or Unengaged), as well as an overview of the entire school year. Science, Social Studies and Special Areas will report on what was taught/covered during T3 using a narrative form.

**Grades 5-12.** Marking Period 4 began April 15 and will end on **June 15**. Mid-quarter reports will be available in SchoolTool on May 22. Mid-marking reports will not include numerical grades but will feature feedback on levels of engagement and progress toward meeting course completion.

For grades 5-12, final averages will be numerical and based on all 4 quarters weighted as following: Q1 (30%), Q2 (30%), Q3 (30%) and Q4 (10%). Students who receive "Pass" for quarter 4 will be awarded a 100 and students who received "Fail" will be awarded a 64. Semester 2 Courses will be weighted as following: Q3 (80%) and Q4 (20%). Q4 will be Pass/Fail with a "Pass" counted as 100% and "Fail" as 64%.

Final exams will not be administered this school year. The only exception is college-level courses where final exams are required to earn college credit.

Students who do not pass marking period 4 will not be eligible for fall sports. Student eligibility will be revisited after the first 5 weeks of the 2020-2021 school year.

**Modifications to 2019-2020 Calendar.** There will be no instruction on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day. The last day of online instruction will be **June 15**. Report cards will be available on SchoolTool on June 22. School principals will be communicating with parents identifying June dates to return Chromebooks, library materials, textbooks, and musical instruments as well as retrieve personal belongings.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I will continue to provide updates as information becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel D. Bowles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

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