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Dear Depew High School Families,

As the end of yet another unprecedented school year is approaching, we wanted to share our year end grading policy. Please know that our faculty is very cognizant of the impact this pandemic has had on our student body and are fully compassionate to the difficulties and challenges our students and families have endured. They have worked hard on developing a grading policy to ensure that our students have every opportunity to succeed, despite the different instructional models they have navigated throughout this 20-21 school year.

We are extending/ have extended our *50 minimum policy to the 3rd and 4th quarters. (*the extension of the *50 is specific to this school year and will not set a precedent or practice moving beyond 20-21*).

Our teacher leaders have worked on the development of the following plan which has 3 pathways to earning course credit for this school year. I am confident that you will find that this plan both acknowledges and rewards our students who have been successful and provides a redemption opportunity to the students who have faced challenges.

Our last instructional day will be Wednesday June 16th. The Exam schedule is included in this correspondence. *For our remote students who need to take a final exam or complete a project virtually as per the pathway options below, please know that in order to maintain fairness, equity and integrity with all the other students, there will be specific directions as to the position of your cameras so that our teachers are able to monitor and prevent misadministration as they would under normal circumstances.*

As we will have limited attendance during our exam week, we will not have our normal bus runs. If your child needs transportation, **please call the bus garage at 686-5155 at least 24 hours in advance** of the exams needed.

| Pathways to Earn Course Credit | | |
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| Option 1 – Passing Average | Option 2 – Local Exam/ Final Project | Option 3 – Regents Exam (ELA, Algebra, Living Environment, Earth Science) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student has a passing average of 65% or higher, they will be awarded course credit. • These students will be exempt from a local exam/ final project (please see the exceptions in the asterisks directly below this chart) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student is not passing (average of 64% or lower), they will take a final exam or complete a final project. • If this student passes this final exam/ project they will earn course credit with a minimum grade of *65. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student has a passing average of 65% or higher, they will be awarded course credit and exempted from the Regents Exam. • If a student is not passing (average of 64% or lower), and they earn a 65% or higher on the Regents exam, they will earn course credit with a minimum grade of *65. |

For any student passing all 4 quarters who would like to take a final exam/ project to try and improve their overall grade, they will be permitted to do so. If the final project/ exam lowers the grade, it will be discounted and the student will be considered exempt.

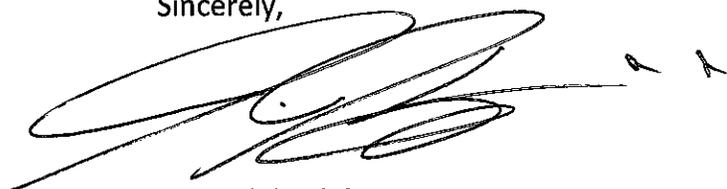
**** Please know that Advanced Placement, Advanced Studies, College Enrollment Classes, PLTW and AOF programs may have specific requirements that preclude those course from the above pathway options****

We hope that you find our year end grading policy takes into account all the challenges that have been presented and gives our kids a wide array of nontraditional opportunities to be successful.

Students who do not pass with any of the 3 pathways listed above will be assigned to **SUMMER SCHOOL** or have to **REPEAT** the course next year. Please know that our Board of Education has been extremely responsive and supportive in allowing us to increase our summer school program to address any deficits as the result of the pandemic achievement gap.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we have navigated through these challenging times. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



James J. Lupini