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Dear Students and Parents,

Concord Schools has been working hard this week on our Continuing Learning Plan. You can learn about that by reading this letter or watching our YouTube video at <https://youtu.be/TNyUgfcbiRg>. As you know, Governor Whitmer closed school buildings for the rest of the year, with the requirement that we provide continuing learning to our students. Our goal is first and foremost to engage our students as this is a lonely time for a lot of our students and we want to remain connected with them. Secondly, we want to do as much learning as we can this spring so we are as ready as can be for the fall. This communication will provide a school district COVID-19 update as well as directions for continuing learning.

COVID-19 Update

1. *Seniors are done if they were on track to graduate at the end of the 3rd nine weeks.* The exception to this is that seniors (and all students) are expected to finish their online and dual credit course work. Seniors who are not on track to graduate will hear from the school soon.
2. We are working on plans to honor our graduates. We want to ensure we do a good job with this so stay tuned.
3. Prom is canceled along with all other school activities for the remainder of the year. We are working to obtain refunds for field trip deposits.
4. Drive-thru meal service will move to Tuesday and Friday beginning the week of April 20th. The time remains 11:00-12:30.

Continuing Learning

Method of Learning

There are two methods for students to continue their learning.

1. **Distance Learning**-Students can access their learning online. Our teachers have or will reach out to our students to provide directions for this. We understand that internet quality varies greatly throughout the district so while we know some may not be able to watch a lot of videos online, we hope that many of our students can at least access material on a device or phone. Distance Learning is the preferred method, but we understand it isn't possible for everyone so we will...
2. Provide Packets on Fridays in a Drive-Thru style at each school beginning April 17th from 11:00-12:30. Only parents are allowed to pick up materials per our Governor's orders.

Grading

1. The 4th Quarter (this period) is Pass or Incomplete. An incomplete means that students may not be done learning. The main issue here is that school is going to start in the fall and Algebra students will move onto Geometry, etc. It is important our students engage in their work over the next month and a half so we can prepare them the best we can for the next course or grade. An incomplete means that

students might not be done preparing for that next class and we may need them to participate in some remediation. It does not mean that the student will receive an F...It only means that they aren't done yet and there will be more learning to do.

2. The semester grade is the 3rd quarter grade; however, 9th-12th grade students can choose to be graded in the 4th quarter if they want to raise their grade.

Returning Work and Feedback

1. Online-Follow your teacher's directions if you are able to participate online...or
2. Snap a picture of the work and email it to your teacher if possible....or
3. Call your teacher's classroom and arrange for a teleconference. All teachers can check their classroom voicemail from their homes.

Obtaining Help

1. Online via Google Classroom or another online platform.
2. Email your teacher
3. Arrange for a virtual meeting with your teacher.
4. Call your teacher's classroom and they will call you back. Teacher Phone Numbers will be updated to reflect their direct line to their classroom by Wednesday of next week (April 15th).
5. School Website

Over the coming days, you will receive more information from your teacher and school. We know this is a difficult time for everyone and we are here to help. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us. The admin team office phone numbers and email are listed below. Happy Easter and we look forward to learning with everyone next week.

Sincerely,

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