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Dear Arc Parent/Guardian,

Now that the Governor has confirmed that we will not return to school for this academic year, our district is updating its grading policy for our K-6 students. This revision is designed to provide a safety net to students experiencing significant disruption during the closure, but also allow students who wish to make gains to do so.

SEL Priorities:

- Ensure our students' safety and well-being and to do no harm.
- Recognize that during this unique time, our Arcs families are experiencing a variety of challenges which are not in their/our control. Therefore, our grading policies must not harm any child.
- Maintain strong relationships and open communication among our school staff, students, and families.
- Learning over grades...Continue student learning in order to be prepared for the next grade/class.

SEL Student Learning Expectations:

- In addition to digital work, our teachers have provided paper based lessons for students to continue learning during the extended closure. An opportunity to collect that work will be established before the end of the year and shared by your child's building principal.
- All students are expected to engage in our remote/paper based learning requirements to the fullest of their ability. Students and parents alike are asked to communicate to teachers any issues that arise.
- Students who need support with assignments should reach out to their teacher, counselor or a school administrator for assistance.
- Teachers will not deduct points for any late assignments. **Any work assigned during the 4th quarter needs to be completed by Wednesday, May 27th.**
- Paper assignments should be turned in no later than Friday, May 22nd in order that they may be graded and included in the fourth quarter grading period.

- Some assignments may not receive a grade.
- Teachers will continue to maintain office hours throughout the remainder of the school year.
- Our goal is to promote 100% of our Pre-k through 6th grade students to the next grade level. However, exceptions may exist for some students.

Teacher Feedback on assignments:

All K-6 teachers will provide feedback for submitted activities and assignments. That feedback will vary from assignment to assignment, subject to subject, and grade level to grade level. Teachers will determine the specific feedback for each assignment. Feedback may include written comments and posts, video recordings, live conferences, and more.

K-6 Grading Criteria

Passing:

- Students successfully complete ALL teacher assigned work.
- Students complete AT LEAST 50% of teacher assigned work
- Students attempt to complete ALL teacher assigned work

Incomplete:

- Students attempted less than 50%, more than 0% of the teacher assigned work
- Students experienced issues: technological, health, financial hardships, etc.

4th Quarter Grades:

- For the 4th quarter, students will receive either Pass or Incomplete grade for the work completed.
- Final grades will be posted in Progress Book on May 29th.
- The grades will reflect assigned work from our remote/paper based lessons.