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Dear CHES Family,

First and foremost, we hope this letter finds your family safe and healthy. The past several weeks have presented us with challenges, uncertainty, and tested our patience in ways we could never have imagined. I am extremely proud of the positivity and resilience shown by our students and families during these trying times. A huge debt of gratitude also goes to our amazing teachers and incredible technology department for their extraordinary efforts to ensure an optimal distance learning experience for all.

As you know, distance learning is in full swing. Our goal is to provide students with meaningful and engaging learning opportunities in an effort to support academic, social, and emotional growth, to the greatest extent possible, while ensuring true continuity of education. While it is our responsibility to continue to educate our students, we also recognize and appreciate the variety of difficulties that our families are facing during this time. With that being said, we'd like to share the following information as it relates to grading and the final marking period:

- Standards based report card marking concluded with the 2nd marking period.
- The final report card will consist of feedback relative to overall participation and effort in distance learning throughout the dismissal. We ask that you continue to have your child(ren) engage in the learning activities to the best of your ability and in a fashion that fits your schedule. Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns.
- As a reminder, every student was set up with a Google email account. If you need your child's login information, please contact the teacher or the main office. Please check the email regularly.
- Students will not be retained due to the school dismissal period. We recognize the need and are prepared to revise our curriculum maps in the fall to address the instructional gaps.
- The 3rd trimester will focus on maintaining current instructional levels.
- New content will be introduced, when appropriate, at a manageable pace.
- Teachers will provide frequent feedback on student progress; formal grades will not be given.

In closing, we've taught our students the power of embracing a "growth mindset." A growth mindset unlocks our ability to learn and grow especially during challenging times. Little did we know how important this growth mindset would be for all of us this year! Because of this experience and our growth mindset, we firmly believe we all will be stronger when we come out on the other side of this historic pandemic.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Be safe, be kind!

Mrs. Marcie Pascual
Principal

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