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Dear Colleagues and Families,

As always, we hope you are well. As we move closer to the end of the 2019-2020 school year, I wanted to share a few more updates. District staff members have recently completed a comparison between our Remote Learning Plan and Commissioner's new guidance to districts and I'm pleased to let you know that we have found a very close match. We have identified one or two standards at a couple of grade levels that teachers will add emphasis to in their posted learning activities over the next several of weeks. We continue to encourage you to help your children engage with teachers and help them complete the Remote Learning Plan to the extent they are able. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher for assistance or support and please continue to prioritize your family's wellbeing.

Grading

Grades for second semester will be either "met competency" or "has not yet met competency." Students who successfully complete 60% of the work assigned through the Remote Learning Plan will have met competency. If you are unsure of your child's progress, please check with their teacher.

Last assignments for Grade 12 students will be posted to the website on Friday, May 29th with expected completion by Friday, June 5th. Grade 12 students may continue to submit work to reach the 60% successful completion mark through Tuesday, June 16th.

For all other grades, last assignments will be posted on Friday, June 5th with expected completed by Friday, June 12th. These students will be able to continue submitting work through Tuesday, June 16th to reach the 60% successful completion mark.

Teachers will use June 17th and 18th to finalize grading and reports. Report cards will be mailed home the week of June 23rd.

End of Year Events

Principals and teachers are working on video tributes to celebrate students as we normally would do in person. These include 5th Grade and 8th Grade Moving-On Ceremonies, Middle School Aspirers, Senior Scholarships and Academic Awards, Underclassmen Awards, and Athletic Awards. The videos will air on Revere TV as well as the School Committee's YouTube channel and the RPS website. The presentations of the Junior Book Awards and the Colella Awards will be planned for the fall when we hope to be meeting in person again.

The students in the class of 2020 have voted to plan for an in-person graduation event, likely still observing personal distancing, hopefully in mid to late August. We are working with the class officers on details. Dr. Perella and Mr. Magno will share specifics when they are more firm.

Personal Items

We are working on plans for staff and students to return to school to pick up personal items once the Governor lifts the Stay at Home order. We anticipate this to happen later in May. Please watch for a notification from your principal with details on this. If there is something you need urgently, please reach out to the principal.

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The schedule for seniors to pick up Caps and Gowns and yearbooks will be planned to be combined with picking up personal items from lockers. They will also be expected to drop off their Chromebooks at that time.

Summer Programs and beyond

We are still unclear about what kind of programming we will be able to host over the summer and what next school year might look like. To be prepared, we are starting to think about different models including more remote learning and combinations of remote and in person classes. When we have more information about how we will be allowed to gather, we will plan an idea and information sharing event so we can have parent, student, and teacher input. We anticipate this will be in late June. If we learn that we can go back to typical learning models, we will let you know right away.

Funding

Right now, the financial status of the state is not very good. We understand that any financial struggles at the state level will have a negative impact on school funding. We are watching this carefully and working with our elected officials to do the best we can in preserving finances.

One item for parents of children at the Hill School, the Whelan School, and Garfield Middle School is the possibility that our Expanded Learning Time (ELT) grants will not be funded next year. Reduction or elimination of the ELT grants will mean our ELT schools will go back to schedules similar to the other elementary and middle schools in the district. We will not know this for sure until the state budget is released but wanted to give parents advanced notice since earlier end-of-school-day times could impact your child care routines.

Food Services

We will continue to offer breakfast and lunch for pick up at the Beachmont and High School on Mondays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. If you are unable to pick up due to significant hardship, you can register for deliver on the RPS website www.revereps.org. Because we have limited volunteers to do deliveries, we ask that you only request this service if you are completely unable to pick up the meals.

City Resources

It is more important now than ever that schools and families work together to help kids with anything they need. If your family is in need of assistance -- including additional food, support, medicine, please call Revere 311 Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am-6:00 pm, or the Massachusetts 211 hotline, which is available 24 hours a day and in multiple languages.

The City also hosts a number of support services including pop-up farmers markets with fresh produce and dairy products throughout the city, food banks, and meal pick-ups at the Rumney Marsh Academy, and mask/glove distribution programs. Other available resources include diapers and formula for babies, masks, and food delivery if you or anyone in your family is Covid-19 positive. You can find more information on these supplies and services on the City's COVID website at this link:

<https://www.revere.org/coronavirus>

If you or anyone in your family has new symptoms of Covid-19, please call 3-1-1 (781-286-8311) to be directed to assistance.

In closing, I want to reiterate that the most important thing for you to do is take care of yourself and your family. We are here to support you and will be going forward as well. Where ever your child lands academically on June 18th, we will work with you to pick them up at that point and move forward together.

Be well,



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