April 17, 2020

Dear Parents:

We now have another week of Distance Learning completed. I have had many discussions with teachers, principals, and parents to assess our progress and determine where we need to make adjustments. I have “dropped in” on a few Google Classrooms and am very pleased with how teachers are connecting with students and the unique ways they are keeping them engaged with their learning. I realize it is not a perfect arrangement, but our teachers are committed to providing quality lessons. If your child is struggling or not comfortable with these new platforms, please communicate with the teacher(s) and the building principal.

**Distance Learning Information**

If you have specific questions about Google Classrooms or need to learn more about its functions, please refer to the district’s home webpage for quick access to references. You will find a wealth of information to help you support your child. You will also find all of the Google Classroom access codes.

**4th Quarter and Semester Grades**

The Distance Learning emphasis is on engaging students in meaningful learning opportunities, providing feedback, and allowing revisions. Because of the extended state-mandated school closure, the district needs to make adjustments to its traditional grading and assessment processes. The 4th quarter and semester grades will be reflected differently for each grade band:

- **Grades Kindergarten - 5**
  - Students will have suggested, but flexible, due dates.
  - Teachers will provide feedback and allow for revisions.
  - Teachers will track the completion of assignments in PowerSchool using a checkmark.
  - Teachers will provide curricular end-of-quarter comments in core content areas via PowerSchool.
  - 4th quarter grades will be Pass/Incomplete for each content area.
  - Incomplete does not mean failure, but rather a student did not complete a majority of assignments in the 4th quarter.
  - Each qualifying student will receive a grade promotion notation.
• **Grades 6-8**
  o Grace in Grading: Teachers will give suggested but flexible due dates, provide feedback, and allow for revisions.
  o Teachers will provide curricular end-of-quarter comments in core content areas via PowerSchool.
  o 4th quarter grades will be Pass/Incomplete for each content area.
  o High school credit courses, including Art 1, Algebra 1, and Geometry will be graded according to the THS protocol outlined below.
  o There will be no 2nd-semester exams.
  o Each qualifying student will receive a grade promotion notation.

• **Grades 9-12**
  o Grace in Grading: Teachers will give suggested but flexible due dates, provide feedback, and allow for revisions.
  o Students will earn letter grades for the 4th quarter & second semester.
    ▪ Students will have the opportunity to make revisions and resubmit assignments for additional credit to improve their 4th quarter grade.
    ▪ Students will earn an Incomplete instead of an F in a course if the majority of assignments are not completed by the end of the school year.
    ▪ Students who earn an Incomplete may be required to participate in summer school.
    ▪ The semester average will be calculated using the student’s 3rd quarter grade and 4th quarter grade, provided that the student’s 4th quarter grade is higher than the 3rd quarter. If the student’s 4th quarter grade is lower than the 3rd quarter, and the student completes the course, the 3rd quarter grade will be used as the semester average.
  o There will be no 2nd-semester exams.
  o 2nd Semester grades will **NOT BE INCLUDED** in the cumulative GPA calculation **UNLESS** a student submits a request form to have his/her 2nd-semester grades included in their cumulative GPA calculation.
    ▪ The form will be made available no later than May 29.
    ▪ The request must be submitted by June 5
  o All grading for College Credit Plus coursework will be/has been determined by the institution of higher education.

**Graduation**

I want to emphasize Tipp City Schools has NOT made a decision on graduation for the Class of 2020. We recognize how important this celebration is for our students and their families. We are having discussions on how to celebrate our seniors safely. We are waiting to hear from the Governor on how school districts will proceed after May 1. If you have an idea, please share it with Tippecanoe High School principal Chris Zink at czink@tippcity.k12.oh.us.
**Food Distribution**
The Upper Room Worship Center is hosting a food distribution for those in need on Saturday, April 18, from 9:00 a.m. until noon or until supplies run out. Upper Room is located at 648 North Hyatt Street.

**Partnership**
Our community volunteers are sewing more masks and other PPE equipment for healthcare workers. Premier Health is conducting a donation pickup at the Tippecanoe High School parking lot on Monday, April 20, from noon – 1:00 p.m.

I do hope you and your family are staying healthy and managing new routines during these difficult times. Remember to take time for yourself.

Please take care of yourself and each other,

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