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Dear Families,

We understand that this school year is unlike any we have experienced in the past. We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and grace as we continue to work together to educate our children during this time.

As you know, the third grading quarter has come to an end and we are now in the fourth grading quarter. The State Department of Education has issued guidance to address grading for the remainder of the year.

During the second semester, students should have the opportunity to:

- complete the courses in which they are currently enrolled;
- complete the courses in which they would have enrolled in during the fourth quarter
- enroll in any credit recovery courses needed;
- demonstrate mastery in an effort to improve a course grade, and
- finalize dual credit courses offered jointly with higher education institutions.

In order to do this, the SCDE is making changes to the structure of the second semester so that only one final semester grade will be reported. Instead of having a third and fourth quarter average, there will be one-semester average reported. The current third quarter grade will serve as an interim grade.

Any quarter-long credit-bearing courses scheduled for the fourth quarter will be reported as a semester grade. The one final semester grade will be applied for any student enrolled in a credit-bearing course. All credit-bearing courses will follow the requirements of the Uniform Grading Policy (UGP), with numerical grades recorded. This will help to maintain equity across schools and districts for scholarship considerations.

Please return all first packet work to your child's teacher so it can be included in the semester grade. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you again for your partnership and support.