



April 30, 2020

Dear Washington Township School Community,

Thank you again to all families and staff who have been working so hard to manage remote learning in these difficult circumstances. We know you and many in our Washington Township community may be dealing with challenges, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are in need of assistance, please contact our schools for support and connections to available resources.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period Grading**

After review with staff members, the district has adjusted its grading system for the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period. All special area subjects (art, music, world language, physical education and media) will be graded using the following scale:

- Exceeds Expectations – **E** – Student has consistently submitted excellent, detailed work
- Pass – **P** – Student passes with satisfactory work and effort
- Needs Improvement – **N** – Student has struggled to submit assignments throughout the marking period

Core academic subjects will continue to utilize their current grade scales for the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period. Subject indicators will not be scored on report cards for the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period. Honor Roll determinations will not be calculated and scores for the 2019-2020 4<sup>th</sup> marking period will not be utilized when calculating cumulative academic awards (6<sup>th</sup> grade awards).

We hope these changes to the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period grade scale will take some of the emphasis off grades and allow students to focus their attention on learning content. It is now, more important than ever, that you keep lines of communication open with your child's teacher. As always, we simply ask students to make their best effort given their personal circumstances.

#### **Virtual Field Day**

On Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> students at Brass Castle & Port Colden Schools are invited to participate in a Virtual Field Day. More information regarding the Virtual Field Day will be included in the Friday eblast. So that students can focus on this family friendly event, no academic lessons or assignments will be provided on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mr. Scism and Mr. Borusovic for planning this fun activity! You may view their individual websites for more information.

#### **Breakfast & Lunch Program**

Washington Township School District Families – If you have experienced a job loss or underemployment due to COVID-19, please contact the district at 908-689-1119 x 1605 or [mmiller@washtwpsd.org](mailto:mmiller@washtwpsd.org). Federal programs allow families who have experienced job loss or underemployment to receive free breakfasts and lunches.

As a reminder, all New Jersey school buildings will remain closed until at least May 15, 2020 and remote learning will continue during this time. The district will provide additional updates as they become available.

Additional information and resources can be found on our District website and Facebook page.

Respectfully,

Keith T. Neuhs  
Superintendent

