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Dear Parents,

As we reach the midpoint of the fourth quarter, I want to commend the students for doing such a great job on their assignments, the parents for seeing that students keep up their academic responsibilities, and the teachers for keeping their curriculum on schedule, despite being out their classrooms with their students in front of them. There is no doubt that it is a challenge to keep up these standards; many schools and families across the country have resigned themselves to the thought that this time is lost and will have to be made up next year. We have not adopted that thought; nor have you. The academic advantage that you have given your children by prioritizing their education will be even more evident after this year.

There are a couple of important notes to make at this time. One is regarding progress reports, which normally would have been issued today on campus. Although we are not issuing a formal progress report, you should be apprised by Friday of your child's academic status mid-quarter by your child's teacher or teachers if you have not already been getting individual grades as work is submitted. Any student who is in danger of failing will have a parent individually contacted to address those concerns. If you have any questions about your child's academic standing, please contact the teacher for that subject.

On the same subject of grades, I have not made a final determination about the impact of the fourth quarter work. I completely understand that many parents are still working, many in fields that require superhuman effort to deal with the current health crisis, and it is a challenge to keep up with everything required academically. In addition, teachers are not able to monitor all the work being done as is the case when students are in class; moreover, some teachers have experienced a struggle in getting all assignments back in. Given all these factors, the fourth quarter grades will not carry the same weight as the first three quarters did, which is 25%. When a determination is made about the weight of the fourth quarter, I will let you know.

As far as a return to campus and end-of-year activities, all we know at this point is that no return is possible before May 16, based on the orders for the city. Until we have federal, state, and local direction, it is impossible for us to make any decisions separately. We have already been considering all scenarios, so trust that we do not take lightly the significance of these academic rites of passage. It is safe to say that as a school community, all we think about is what is best for our students.

Next week we will be holding a virtual spirit week, so check the school website and Instagram account for updates. Please send any pictures of students who are participating to [LCJetStream@gmail.com](mailto:LCJetStream@gmail.com) for a chance to be featured on our Instagram! We have all been working really hard and need some fun.

That said, let's all appreciate one another, keep working hard, spread gratitude and kindness, and stay safe and healthy. We miss your children more than you can imagine and can't wait to have them back in our classrooms again!

Sincerely in education,

Jane B. McGovern