Dear KNOS Families,

As we near the end of the school year, I continue to be so thankful for you and for your partnership during this challenging time. As mentioned last week, our last day of school and remote learning for all schools will be Friday, May 15.

We have finalized our end-of-year plans and are excited to share a few updates with you regarding our grading policies and summer resources for scholars. For the 4th Quarter this year, we will adopt a “hold harmless” approach for grades, GPA, promotion, and graduation. This will apply to all students PK-12. Quarter 4 grades can only improve student year-end academic standings. In instances where a student earns a grade in quarter 4 that is below their year-long grade, the quarter 4 grade will be dropped. This will ensure that student records and academic journeys are not harmed as a result of school closure. We have updated our grading policy and have summarized important aspects below.

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8th GRADE**

Students have from May 1st to May 13th to complete all required assignments, including any that your student may not have previously completed. All work turned in prior to this deadline will count fully towards student’s grades, without any consequences for being late.

**PK – 2nd Grading:** Using our hold harmless policy, PK-2 students will receive the highest grade of three options: their Q4 grade, their Q3 grade, or “Meets Expectations.”

**3rd – 8th Grading:** All assignments completed by May 13th, regardless of initial due date, will count towards students’ Q4 grades. There is no punishment for tardy student assignments and scholars should still try their best to complete the assignments. **The quarter 4 grades for students in grades 3-12 will be based on the percent of assignments that students earn credit for.** In instances where a student earns a grade quarter 4 that is below their year-long grade, the quarter 4 grade will be dropped.

For the full PK-8 grading policy, please [click here](#).

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Students have from May 1st to May 13th to complete all required assignments, including any that your student may not have previously completed. All work turned in prior to this deadline will count fully towards student’s grades, without any consequences for being late.

**Graduation:** Seniors who have fulfilled all course proficiency requirements for a TOPS or TOPS Tech diploma are eligible to graduate. Seniors who have passed all required classes to graduate will be notified by their school. Seniors who do not earn enough credits to pass for the year will have the opportunity to make up credits during summer credit recovery.

**Graduation Ceremonies:** Your school leadership team is working very hard to plan a celebration for you and your scholar under the current restrictions.

**Dual Enrollment Courses:** For Dual Enrollment courses (SNHU and Bard Early College), students will continue to complete their coursework online and will earn a final grade for the Spring Semester.
**LEAP 2025 Testing:** Seniors are not required to test this year per the state’s waiver. However, 9th-11th grade students who previously failed LEAP 2025 will still be required to take the test. As a result, we will still plan to administer the LEAP 2025 Summer Administration on June 15-19th, 2020.

For the full policy, please [click here](#).

While we are excited to close out the school year successfully, we are also still in need of your help as we look toward the next school year. We would love your help in bringing new families to our school community! Round 2 of OneApp will close this week and if you know of a family in search of a great, loving school community, please refer them to us by [clicking here](#). You can earn a free uniform shirt and possibly a pizza party for your assistance.

If you have any questions about these policies, feel free to reach out to your school. We know that these last few weeks have been challenging. Please know how appreciative we are of your partnership and your willingness to work with us.

All the best,
Rhonda