April 22, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

First, let me say I hope you and your family are safe and healthy as you read this letter. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we have been adjusting, like you, to the drastic changes in life during the last few weeks. I am extremely appreciative of our students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators for their positivity, flexibility and resilience during these trying times. A huge debt of gratitude also goes to all of our doctors, nurses, hospital employees, first responders, and our state leaders for all they are doing to keep us safe and healthy.

As you know, we have offered students/parents the opportunity to check out a chrome book for their academic use during the closure. Cameron Parish Schools will offer students/parents another opportunity in the coming days to check out a chrome book if they have not already done so. Our goal in the coming weeks will be to provide additional educational opportunities and practice for students while schools are closed but also to eliminate as much stress as feasibly possible for students, parents, and teachers. While it is our responsibility to continue to educate our children, we also want to compassionately take into consideration the variety of difficulties that our families and employees are enduring during this time.

Please see the information below related to our updated Distance Learning Plan and our COVID-19 Cameron Parish School System Grading Policy as it pertains to the promotion/retention of students

In closing, we strongly encourage all parents to utilize the various learning opportunities the teachers and staff have developed. Our teachers are eager to help your children continue to grow academically even during these challenging times.

Please contact your teacher/s or administrators if you or your students need support.

Stay safe!

Kindest personal regards,

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COVID-19 Cameron Parish Schools
Distance Learning Info

- The purpose of both the online and paper based packets will be to provide continuous educational opportunities and practice for students while schools are closed.

- During the school closure, teachers may choose to provide distance learning assignments through online and/or paper based packets.

- Lessons will be assigned weekly. Lessons will be provided through Google Classroom, Zoom, etc. for those with technology access. Technology-free (paper based packets) alternative lessons/assignments will be available for pick-up at each school site.

- **Assignments will not reflect negatively on the student’s academic record, but will hopefully continue to allow them to grow in their grade level while addressing some key concepts and standards.**

- Online assignments may be monitored by the teacher. Although not required, the teacher may provide some feedback to students regarding their work.

- Students will be provided ample time to complete assignments.

- **Paper based packets will not be collected due to the possibility of contamination and the spreading of the virus. The packets will be strictly for students to work on in their own regard.**

- Completion of distance learning assignments will be mandatory for all students needing to earn credit for promotion or retention.

- These CPSB distance learning opportunities will take place from May 4th-May 28th.
As per guidance from the LDOE, we have been instructed to implement a grading policy that will be used for the graduating class of 2020 and K-11 students. The purpose of the policy will be to complete student grades for the 2019-2020 school year in a timely manner in order to consider promotion/retention of all students. Listed below are steps and guidelines that have been put in place for calculating the grades.

- The 1st and 2nd 9 weeks will obviously stay as is because those were not affected by COVID-19.

- The 3rd 9 weeks ended on 3/13 and grades were completed by teachers.

- Regarding the 4th 9 weeks, we will duplicate the highest earned grade from one of 1st three 9 weeks. (EX. In math, Susie made a 95 the 1st 9 weeks, a 78 the 2nd 9 weeks, and an 84 the 3rd 9 weeks. For the 4th 9 weeks, Susie will receive a 95.) This method will ensure that every child will receive a grade that is reflective of their greatest/best effort during the school year.

- School officials will be contacting the parents or guardians of students who will need additional credit/grades/intervention in order to be promoted. They will provide information and instruction on how that will work.

- School officials will also be contacting the parents or guardians of students who will not be promoted due to their academic status. The student will have to repeat that course/grade in order to receive credit.