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Good Afternoon DHS Community:

I hope that everyone had a nice Spring Break as we enter Phase II of the remote instructional plan. At this time, we have been involved in distance learning for a month and your child should be completing his/her assignments on time. If for any reason there are issues with completing assignments, please be proactive and have your child reach out to the teacher to explain.

As communicated in previous correspondence, we have moved from pass/fail to letter grades. Your child will have two assignments per week in every subject to hand in for a grade. This may be different for Advanced Placement courses as they buckle down and race towards their [tests](#) which will begin on **Monday, May 11th**. As the Superintendent stated and I clarified, no student will earn a grade lower than his/her average of the first three marking periods **unless** he/she chooses to continue to miss assignments.

Secondly, I know that there are many questions about how long we will be involved in remote learning. I cannot speak to that as all decisions are contingent upon the Governor and the Department of Health. I can say that the administration has been very much focused on planning to ensure that the end of the year goes smoothly. I will update everyone on some of these plans in the near future as soon as they have been solidified.

I also know that many parents of Juniors have reached out concerning their child's community service requirement. The spirit of our school's Community Service Requirement is meant to have students help those that cannot help themselves. Over the course of the last thirteen years, Delran High School has stepped up by committing over forty thousand hours volunteering. The Delran Board of Education has supported service by making it a requirement for graduation.

Unfortunately, this pandemic presents a very unique challenge to our students. The last thing we want to do is to put any member of our Delran Family in harm's way. Therefore, we are extending the date of the service requirement for this year's Juniors to Friday, October 30th. We are open to all sorts of safe ways to help during this national emergency including sending letters of appreciation to first responders and donating to food pantries. If your child has already accomplished his/her service, please remind him/her to send a picture of his/her signature sheet and essay to Miss Carey at jmcarey@delranschools.org. If your child has not yet completed his/her project, please do not feel pressured to send him/her out at this time.

Our guidance department wishes you all the best and know that they are available if your child needs any support. In addition, please visit the [Scholarship Page](#) of our website as many deadlines are in late April and early May. This would be a great time to reach out for support as your child transitions to the next chapter of his/her life. Both parents of Seniors AND Juniors should visit this page as there are many options from which to choose.

In addition, Senator Troy Singleton's office shared this list of updates and resources related to the COVID-19 crisis. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Also, the Mental Health for Every Adolescent (MHEA) spreads awareness about and destigmatizes mental health diseases amongst middle and high school students. [HERE](#) is a virtual guide that includes mental health tips, resources, and information to help you and your child navigate these difficult times and cope with the stresses of the pandemic.

As more information is announced and we can address important dates, I will be sure to reach out to you through my weekly communication.

Please stay safe and as always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

With Bear Pride and Spirit,

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