



April 20, 2020

Dear BCS Families,

Today marks the beginning of our fourth week of distance learning. I hope everyone is healthy and was able to enjoy the sunshine and warmer temperatures over April break. At this point, we have been told that our Distance Learning will continue through at least May 20th. We will continue with our Distance Learning Plan for the duration of the closure. Please read below some important information regarding grading and early release Wednesdays.

**Grading:** As a district, we continue to follow guidance from the Commissioner of Education. These changes to grading will help ensure equity in these challenging times.

### Grades PreK-5

- Students in grades PreK-5 will receive a narrative summary from their classroom teacher about the work they completed during distance learning.
- This is a change for the remainder of the time we are implementing distance learning from the current model in which teachers score students 1-4 on multiple standards in all subject areas.

### Grades 6-8

- In alignment with Bolton High School, the students in grades 6-8 at Bolton Center School will be graded in the third trimester with a Pass/Incomplete for each class. Incomplete grades may become failures if the work is not completed.
- The passing grade is a minimum of 60%.
- Teachers will offer retakes for assignments that earned only a 60% or below.
- Students with incompletes will use the last several days of school to complete work.

**Early Release Wednesdays:** Until we return to school, every Wednesday will be an early release day for all students in all grades beginning on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The school day will run from 9 – 11 AM. The work assigned in all grades on Wednesdays will be a much lighter load and will require much less support. Teachers will use the time on early release Wednesdays to work collaboratively with colleagues, participate in professional learning on effective remote virtual instructional design, delivery, and practice, as well as plan lessons and activities to support distance learning.

Sincerely,

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Bolton Center School