



OXFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

“Sailing Towards Success”

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we enter the final three weeks of the school year, I wanted to update you on a few things. First, I have attached the District’s **Term 4 and End-of-Year Grading Guidelines**. As you might expect, adjustments have been made in how students will be graded for the 4th quarter. Please refer to the secondary or elementary sections in the guidelines for an explanation. If you have questions, principals can assist you.

All District summer programs will be held remotely or have been cancelled. As planning needs to start well in advance, a decision was made based on current state recommendations that some programs needed to be cancelled. The Special Education summer school program for students as well as Middle and High School summer schools will operate remotely. Unfortunately, summer programs such as EduCare, summer sports camps, and all other building-based programs have been cancelled.

High School graduation is being planned as an outside ceremony to be held later this summer. The Department of Public Health has recently issued guidelines on ensuring these ceremonies can be held safely. The High School administrators and the class advisor will be issuing more specific information in the future.

Finally, districts are awaiting guidance from the Commissioner as to what schooling is going to look like in the 20-21 school year. While I am sure that students, staff, and administrators are hopeful that they can return to their schools in the fall, I believe that our “new normal” is going to look different, at least for the immediate future. It is unknown at this time if a model of blended learning, classroom and remote learning, will become the “new normal.” I will inform you as soon as any decisions are made, particularly if students are not going to be returning to school in the fall on a full-time basis as I understand the challenge this may present for many families. However, I can assure you that any decision will be predicated on what the experts and data tell us and on what is in the best interest of the safety and well-being of students and staff.

Stay safe and well!

With warmest regards,

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