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Subject: NHS Update - March 20

Dear NHS Community,

Last night, you should have received a phone call from me with a few reminders. Again, if your student has not heard from each of their teachers, please be sure they email them as soon as possible! Next week you can expect the Learning Opportunities to continue.

Teachers are continuing to come up with new ideas and have looked at a variety of technologies to keep your student engaged. Thank you for your patience and engaging with us all! In the event EDL continues beyond April 6, we are preparing to switch gears and jump into full-fledged assignments, assessments, and ultimately grades.

We have many more bugs to work out in the coming days and with everyone working together, we can do this well. We are sensitive to the fact that some are struggling at home with connectivity, new family dynamics, dealing with the learning of several children all at once, as well as many other challenging obstacles. We want to work with families to strategize how best to serve you. If you have any of these concerns, please reach out to our Assistant Principal, Eric Keith at erickeith@iusd.org

Quarter 3 ends next Wednesday and teachers will be posting up to date grades. Here are a few things to keep in mind in that regard:

1. Quarter grades will reflect all content and assessments through the March 13th, which was the last day of in-class instruction.
2. Quarter grades for almost all classes will basically serve as a progress report. Grades posted are not permanent. If some grades reflect a missing assignment or an upcoming reassessment for mastery, all of that can be remediated later to ultimately impact the overall semester grade.
3. Late assignments that can be electronically turned into the teacher can be accepted. Assignments missed due to excused absences ultimately will not be held against you. The grade might be affected temporarily by recent events, however, in regard to the overall semester grade, you will still have time to make up work from excused absences. **STUDENTS WITH MISSING ASSIGNMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND IN MAKE-UP WORK ASAP!**
4. Assessments that need to be made up in person can be made up after the break. We will determine a process for this at a later time.

By now, you have been home a few days. This is a great 5-minute video that would be great to watch with your student. It is entertaining, thought-provoking, and helps explain the situation in teenage-friendly talk. I think you will enjoy it! Click [here](#)!

I appreciate the support and flexibility of our entire community. It is during unsettling times that I really appreciate the NHS community who has really embraced #NHSbettertogether.

You can find all of our communication on our website under [NHS Updates](#) as well as important information about district and school resources.

Enjoy the weekend!!!!

Sincerely,

Leslie Roach, Ed.D.

Principal

Tips and Articles from previous communications:

Tip sheet for coping with stress [here](#).

Playtime, downtime, and family [video](#) and [material](#)

Family [traditions](#).

[Nurturing the Amazing Teen Brain](#)

[“How to Raise Successful kids” Video](#)

[When Siblings Won’t Stop Fighting](#)

[Happy Children do Chores](#)

Find your safe space [video](#)

Visit our NHS Challenge Success [website](#) where you can find a variety of resources to support you student.

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Access to the Internet – Chromebooks – email addresses

For those families that did not get a chance to pick up their school device today, please contact Eric Keith at erickeith@iusd.org to set up an alternate time.

Due to high-demand across the country, we have very limited hotspots available to support families who do not have internet at home. Our [Support Center](#) has information on free and low-

cost internet options for families. If these options will not work for your family, or if your family needs additional support, please complete the [Technology Access Form](#).