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Dear Parent:

The response of our students, parents, teachers and administrators to the changes brought about by COVID-19 have made me very proud to be your superintendent of schools. Everyone has risen to challenges we never expected to face and have put forth their best effort. Thank you for everything you have done to help ensure your child's education has continued, despite the pandemic and closure of campuses.

I am writing to share how we will close out this school year. First and foremost, the school closure due to the pandemic will only help your students' final grade. Our teachers, students and parents have worked hard these last few weeks through the digital learning platform and other virtual tools. The schoolwork accomplished at home since April 6 will only be used to positively impact grades.

As planned, the school year will end on Friday, May 22. The last day teachers will provide new instruction and give assignments is Friday, May 8. This will give students a week to complete any missed assignments and makeup work by the following Friday, May 15. This semester, we will not give final exams or state assessments.

During the last week, teachers will calculate grades and prepare to issue report cards. Teachers will compare your student's average when schools closed March 13 to the current average as of May 15, and the higher average will be used for final grades and promotion/retention decisions.

We will contact you about the process the last week of school to return Chromebooks, textbooks, library books, uniforms, etc. Once it is safe to reopen campuses, we will ask you to pick up any personal items. As always, the safety of our students and staff is our number one priority and is the focus of decisions.

Report cards will be mailed the end of May. Elementary school report cards will be mailed May 22; middle school and high school report cards will be mailed May 27.

I am very proud of the way our school families have come together to ensure quality teaching and learning have continued during this unexpected time! Thank you again for all that you have done during this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Scott, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools