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Dear LCSD Families,

During this uncertain time, we know our students, families, and educators are facing tremendous stressors. Therefore, we must approach each student's circumstances with positive presumptions and a do-no-harm perspective. We know this has been a tremendously difficult time for all of you. The compassion and support we have seen has genuinely touched our hearts.

As you are aware, LCSD closed schools on the first day of the fourth quarter of the 2019-2020 school year, and we quickly made a shift to an "emergency distance education" instructional model. Governor Sisolak, made the decision last night that students will not be returning for this school year and districts will continue providing "emergency distance education". The district must now provide a path to graduate students on time, which also requires us to provide students with grades. This necessitates adjustments to LCSD's current grading system to ensure fairness for all students.

Additionally, LCSD will not retain a child based on 4th quarter performance. If retention of a student is being considered, the Principal and Superintendent must provide written approval, after a thorough review of data and discussions with school staff and the student's parent/guardian.

The following are the grading guidelines:

Elementary

The goal for distance learning is to continue to build academic skills for ALL students during this unique time. Students will be graded on a Pass/Fail basis. If the student or parent engages in meaningful two-way communication with school staff, the student will receive a Pass grade for the quarter.

Middle and Secondary

All students' Quarter 3 grades will stand as their final Quarter 4 grade for each class. Students will have the opportunity to improve their Quarter 4 grade by one full letter grade (10%) if they have been and continue to engage in consistent two-way communication with their respective teachers.

All students are encouraged to complete the provided distance education no matter where the grading falls so that a continuity of learning and academic progress is maintained. Students are also encouraged to read, read, and read some more.

Please note: **No graduation requirements have changed.** The required credits for the various diplomas still apply for each grade level. If you have any questions about graduation requirements, please contact your student's school counselor.

K to 12th grade students meeting the requirements for promotions and graduation will do so on May 21st. We are working on celebrations for graduation. Please look for each school to send information regarding returning items to schools.

The support of the schools and teachers has been tremendous, and we want to thank each and every one of them for their efforts, support, and flexibility during this uncertain time. We will get through this together and continue to do great things for our students and families.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email your child's administrator or call the school office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pam Teel".

Pam Teel
Superintendent
Lincoln County School District