



JERSEY SHORE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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May 13, 2020

RE: 2019-20 END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR / PROMOTION PLAN

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

On May 11, 2020, the Jersey Shore Area School Board of Directors waived district policies pertaining to grading and promotion requirements for Jersey Shore Area School District students. These waivers were necessary in accordance with the statewide COVID-19 school shut down issued by Governor Tom Wolf and Secretary Pedro Rivera. The report cards received last month were for the 3rd Marking Period as these district policies prevented the closing out of the 2019-20 school year.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 school closures, we are unable to proceed with educational procedures for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. These unprecedented times call for creative solutions to challenging problems. Guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Education encourage school systems to hold students harmless during the COVID-19 school closure. In support of these state guidelines and grading structure continuity, all students will be held harmless by receiving a 100% for each of their courses for the 4th Marking Period. This "harmless" grade is also the maximum grade value possible providing for a mathematical achievement opportunity to pass a course. We are aware that this may not be a typical representation of a student's performance or grade in any given course; however, it does meet the expectations of the state during this unconventional time in our lives and is the fairest procedure for our students. In addition, there will be no final exam grades recorded for the 2019-20 school year.

The final Jersey Shore Area Senior High School report cards are being processed and will be distributed via the USPS by the end of the 2019-20 school year. For students who did not pass semester 1 courses or possibly semester 2 or year-long courses (with a 60% or higher), a Summer School Plan is being developed for credit remediation and will begin in June. More information will be provided at a later date along with procedures to enroll in summer school after report cards are distributed.

Please continue to engage in the enrichment and review activities posted on the JSASD website through the end of the school year. We hope you have a safe and relaxing summer and look forward to welcoming all of our students back in the fall.

Stay Safe - Stay Healthy - Stay Positive

Sincerely,

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Principal / Director of CTE

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