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Dear Worcester Students and Parents,

As we continue our school closure, none of us could have ever predicted we would find ourselves in our current circumstance. I hope this communication continues to find you and your families safe and healthy. I wanted to provide you with an update on our continued learning of our Worcester students.

Our teachers and instructional leaders have worked hard to prepare the next round of instructional materials which were delivered this week. All students, PreK-12, have received new learning materials this week in a variety of methods. To the extent possible all the learning opportunities will continue to offer differentiation for students at various learning levels, abilities, and with appropriate support.

As we enter the 4th quarter we have updated the grading system teachers will be using while students are learning at home. Teachers will use the following three codes in order to assess student progress:

- **DEL: “Demonstrated Evidence of Learning”** The teacher has assessed the assignment and has determined there is evidence of learning at or above the minimum acceptable level.
- **NEL: “Not Demonstrated Evidence of Learning”** The teacher has assessed the assignment and believes the work is not at the minimum acceptable level. The student can process the feedback, make corrections, and resubmit.
- **NSY: “Student has Not Submitted work Yet”** The work has not been submitted and cannot be assessed. The student should continue work and submit.

Final averages for 4th quarter will be calculated from the three categories into a Pass/Fail 4th quarter final grade for all PreK-12 students.

We would like to provide the following essential recommendations to help ensure student success:

- It is critical for students to keep up on their assignments and lessons as teachers continue to build upon previous knowledge, topics and lessons.
- Keep communicating with your teachers. Assignments will be monitored either through internet interaction or through telephone conversations.
- Parents, remind and encourage your child the importance of attempting as much of the work as possible. Student attempts to continue learning must be shown for students to be eligible for a pass for the 4th quarter. Please help your child stay engaged in learning activities.
- If you have specific questions about a class or assignment, please contact your teacher!

We recognize this situation continues to be very stressful and challenging. We are aware that at-home learning can at times be frustrating. We remain ready to support you as best we can during this time, so please do not hesitate to contact us. We wish you and your families continued safety and good health!

Respectfully,

Tim Gonzales
Superintendent