

To Ashland District School Parents, Guardians, Staff and Students;

I am writing this letter to, first, congratulate so many of our students and parent/guardians for being responsible and communicating with the school regularly. Our first door to door delivery of school work and materials was very successful. Over 90% of our students received their packets of new materials for weeks three and four. We have been receiving work on a regular basis from many students and grades are being updated daily.

With so many conflicting statements and reports on the newspaper, online and other media outlets, I would like to clarify and stress several things:

- These packets of materials are counting towards grades at this point and time. They should be completed and returned on a regular basis. Those that are choosing not to do the work are receiving zeroes and the grades are reflective of that.
- If you do not have a PowerSchool login and would like one to keep track of assignments and current grades for your student, please contact the office and one will be provided.
- **High school credits are still being awarded only if the student is passing at the time of when grades close. Those students that were failing prior to the shutdown or are not completing work are in danger of not receiving those credits for the second semester.**
- Assignments that are assigned through Friday, April 3 will still count towards the third quarter. Due dates will be extended an additional week in order to collect and grade assignments. Fourth Quarter will begin on April 6, 2020 as regularly scheduled.
- Middle School students still need to follow board policy guidelines to be able to advance to the next grade level.
- Graduating seniors need to fulfill all graduation requirements which includes passing all required classes. There is no waiver to grant full credit if you are were failing prior to shut down or are failing due to not completing work during the shut down.

These are the current policies that are in place for Ashland District School. There may come a point where assignments are no longer graded, or we may end up being back in school, but that is a decision that will be made in the future. That will not be a retroactive decision to grant a waiver for work that has not been completed up to that point. **I want to stress that there is no magic wand that will grant high school credits, high school graduation or middle school advancement if you are not passing the required courses at the time those decisions are made.** For those of you that are significantly behind, communicate with the teaching staff and school to get back on track. Teaching staff are reaching out to every student multiple times each day. Make the effort to respond. Ashland District School is willing to support these students in a variety of ways, but they must put in the required effort to complete their coursework. I hope that we can work together to make each student successful.

Yours in Education,

Joel Hall, Principal