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Dear TCUSD Parents/Guardians.

Bi-Weekly Communication (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

This letter is part of our bi-weekly communication in an effort to keep all of our families informed. Please continue to check your email inbox for messages from TCUSD on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As a reminder, any question or concern can be addressed by emailing our helpline at TCUSDhelpdesk@tcusd.net. Please reach out to us, and we will respond within a 24-hour-period or sooner.

Grab-N-Go Lunches (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)

No TCUSD student goes hungry on our watch! We will continue to serve two lunches per child on each day for Monday and Wednesday and one lunch on Friday. Lunches will be served as Grab & Go lunch for all TCUSD students in the TCHS Student Parking Lot on Temple City Blvd. **Please drive through and remain in your car**. Any students who need to walk to the lunch service will be given special directions for picking up lunch. Please follow these directions when you arrive in the lot so that we avoid a large crowd. If a parent can show the student's school ID card, we will serve the lunch to the adult on behalf of the student in case the student cannot be present. No ID card is necessary if the child is present.

TCUSD Notices, Resources and Survey Information

Our teams continue to update and maintain resources during this Distance Learning period. Below, we have included some reminders and new information regarding resources and privacy updates.

- LCAP surveys: The data from these surveys will allow us to improve our programs and maintain sustainable growth. Your feedback directs our growth and planning for the coming year. The survey closes April 24, 2020.
- Social Emotional Support for Families: Please review the resources in this folder from our Resources for Learning folder. We know the emotional toll related to COVID-19 has caused many of you added stress. Above all, please know that TCUSD is here to help in any way we can. Our students' mental wellness matters as much as their learning and academic success. TCUSD cares about our students and their families on site and off site.
- Aeries Parent Portal: Please log into your parent portal account as we have loaded a Distance Learning User Notice for your review. This document reviews the use of technology and privacy expectations during distance learning.

Board Resolution to Address Grading Policy for Distance Learning (pending Board approval, April 22nd)
Based on the guidelines from the CDE, a temporary Grading Policy due to school closures surrounding COVID-19 will be reviewed by the TCUSD Board of Education tomorrow. This resolution, pending Board approval, explains the TCUSD plan for third trimester (elementary), fourth quarter (intermediate) and spring semester (high school) grades. Below is a brief summary of the Grading Policy:

- Elementary students will not receive numerical grades or progress reports for the third trimester. Students will receive teacher comments regarding progress for the entire year, including the Distance Learning period.
- Intermediate students will receive marks as Credit (CR) / No Credit (NC) for the fourth quarter and no fourth quarter grade will be lower than the grade at the time of the school closure. Students in high school level math classes will choose from the same options and have the same provisions as given to high school students.
- **High school students** will need to choose between receiving a letter grade or Credit (CR) / No Credit (NC) by May 15, 2020. Students choose for each class and can have a combination of letter grades and CR/NC on final transcript. The form to select CR/NC will be available April 30, 2020. If a student does not request CR/NC by May 15, 2020, the student's grade will default to the current letter grade which will be the same or higher than the grade at the time of the closure. Marks of CR/NC will not be included in a student's GPA.

Please review the <u>Grading Policy</u> in its entirety and contact the <u>TCUSDhelpdesk@tcusd.net</u> with any questions.

Sincerely, Kimberly Fricker Kimberly Fricker, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools