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Dear Center School District families,

At the Center School District, we understand that the pandemic has created new challenges for students, families, and educators. As we look back to March of 2020, we are incredibly proud of the immense and important education opportunities we have provided our students. We want to celebrate how far we have come and acknowledge pride in the work we have accomplished as a school community. Yet, we also recognize there is much work that continues. Virtual learning has posed obstacles for some students to fully engage. We are seeing more students struggling to demonstrate mastery of content. As we analyze and process student performance, we see the need to provide flexibility and options to ensure our students are learning and growing.

The Center School District Vision Statement explains, "The Center School District strives for excellence in our schools where all students are expected to learn and grow." And the Mission Statement reads, "All students will demonstrate high achievement, character, and teamwork in a diverse community. Together, we achieve!"

To fully live out our vision and mission statements, we must ensure students have the tools needed to learn and progress, even in the virtual world and even during some of the most challenging times we have encountered.

With this focus, we have created the Center School District Student Performance Belief Statement to guide us through our student achievement process during the second semester of the 2020-2021 academic year.

**The CSD Student Performance Belief Statement:**

**We believe all students should feel supported and be provided multiple opportunities to demonstrate growth and mastery of content.**

Our school community will begin to see information on our website, social media and through parents and student communication regarding the CSD Student Performance Belief statement, tips for success, videos of encouragement as well as other efforts to inspire students to remain focused, attend class and reach out to teachers and staff for needed support. We have titled these efforts: "**We Create Champions in the Center School District.**"

As students and families, you will see more flexibility and allowances to make-up work, take on additional assignments and work with teachers to ensure mastery of content is available. We want to stress, attendance, active learning attempts and partnerships with teachers and staff are critical components to make success possible. Our ultimate goal is to ensure families know, we are here for our students, walking alongside them through this challenge. If a student needs help with problem solving, we are here to assist. If a student needs direction or access to potential resources, we are here to assist. It is important students know our staff are standing by their side, ready to help, support, guide and teach.

While we are focused on the urgent 2021 student needs, we recognize some of the prescribed student performance considerations and flexibility may evolve into further conversations and ignite needed CSD process assessments in the future.

As a reminder, students will have until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, January 14 to turn in work for the first semester. Grades will be posted in the portal through Infinite Campus by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021. The Parent Portal allows you

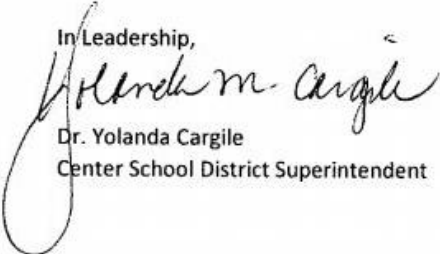
to check grades, schedules, attendance and much more. To visit the Parent Portal, click on the link below.

<https://mocloud1.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/center.jsp>

If you are having trouble accessing your portal account, the portal login page does have a “forgot username” and “forgot password” function or you may email [portal@center.k12.mo.us](mailto:portal@center.k12.mo.us).

The new calendars adjustments will begin on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Please do not hesitate to reach out to school staff with questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

In Leadership,  
  
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