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Dear East Islip Community,

Due to the COVID-19 emergency our 3rd Quarter marking period, on the secondary level, will have ended as of March 15. Third quarter grades will be calculated using the students' average as of March 15 and the student's effort to complete and the quality of assignments handed in during our Connected Educational Experience. Please note that the first two weeks of our Connected Educational Experience (March 15-March 27) focused on skill maintenance and content review. We ask that everyone please be patient as our teachers do their best to give our students a grade that reflects their work and effort during these unprecedented circumstances. To be clear, grades will not fall below the March 15 level (unless students do not attempt to complete the assignments) but certainly can go up based on effort and quality of work completed.

We are currently assessing the impact of our extended closure and we will announce our plans for the 4th quarter grading on our Friday, April 3, 5:00 p.m. update.

3rd Quarter Grading Summary

1. Average as of March 15, 2020.
2. Effort to complete and the quality of "Connected Educational Experience" assignments can only enhance the March 15 average.
3. The 4th quarter grading plan for elementary and secondary will be announced on Friday, April 3, at 5:00 p.m. during your regularly scheduled update.

East Islip United, these past two weeks have been exhilarating, uncertain and unforgettable. At this time, I ask that we continue to focus on making connections through the lessons prepared for this week and beyond. Next week we will honor all of your patience, sincere efforts to connect, and your hard work by not assigning any new work. The week of April 6 is a week for us to pause and reflect on our blessings, assess and address any glitches in our plan and catch our collective academic breath. Together, our community has pulled together to create something special that a few

short years ago would not have been possible and our students would have suffered. Thanks to all of you, we are getting through this hideous challenge with empathy, grace and East Islip United's relentless work ethic.

The week of April 6 will be used for Academic and Social Emotional reflection. Please take time next week to simply look in the academic mirror and reflect on what you need to do to continue for a few more weeks in our "temporary" Connected Educational Experience. Please also take time to take stock of all our many blessings. Please pray for those who are truly sick and needy. Please pray for and support our brave health care workers, first responders and the sick and neediest in our communities.

Please continue to monitor our website, Facebook page, Twitter and our PTA Facebook page for official information from the district. If you have any academic questions or concerns, please contact:

1. Appropriate building administrator.
2. Paul Manzo-pmanzo@eischools.org
3. Lisa Belz-lbelz@eischools.org

All other questions or concerns, please contact

1. John Dolan-jdolan@eischools.org
2. Joanne Mann-jmann@eischools.org

Please do not put our security guards at risk by selfishly attempting to use our facilities. Students please do not put your parents, grandparents and other adults who Love and Support you at risk by gathering in groups and then going home. We believe in you; we know our future is bright because of you and most of all we want your loved ones alive to be able to see you reach and exceed your potential.

Please **stay apart** so we can come together stronger than ever.

East Islip United Apart will lead to Red Rising Bigger, Better and Brighter than ever!
East Islip will come through this stronger than ever!

Sincerely,

John V. Dolan
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