April 15, 2020

Dear Ivy Families,

Our Governance Board made a few school calendar changes on April 14, 2020:

• Last day for scholars: May 15, 2020
• Last day for scholars to turn in all missing assignments: May 18, 2020

The Board also approved our plans for scholar grading, academic support, and retention.

Let me point out a few things for your information. Please see the attached document for more details.

Grading: Grades are what we use to give you and your scholar feedback about how they are doing. We also use grades and feedback to help us make important academic decisions.

• K-8 scholars will have chances to correct, re-submit, and complete assignments and work.
• All “Incomplete” K-8 grades in Infinite Campus will be replaced.
• The passing grade for all K-5 subjects is 70%.

Academic Support: Academic support is designed to help scholars learn and achieve.

• K-5 EIP scholars will get online help from EIP teachers.

Retention: Retaining a scholar is a difficult decision, and we look at lots of information.

• K-5 scholars have had fewer chances to get help (i.e., interventions); we will not hold this against them.
• K-5 scholars who were “at risk for retention” will be “placed” in the next grade level.
• We will use the academic performance from August 2019 to February 2020—and information from December 2019 conferences—to decide promotion and placement of 6-8 scholars.

More information regarding locker clean out is forthcoming. Please contact me with any questions or comments you may have.

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