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Dear Middle School Families,

As we are nearing the final weeks of our 4th quarter, we wanted to share our plans for grading through this distance learning period.

We will be moving to a Pass (P) or No Pass (NP) grading plan for students. A (P) or (NP) grade will not factor in and affect a Grade Point Average (GPA) positively or negatively, it is neutral. Students will also have the option to OPT IN for their earned letter grade (A, B, C, D) which would be calculated into GPA.

Students will communicate with each of their teachers which option they prefer. Students' decisions on grading may differ from one class to the next. Decisions must be communicated with each teacher by responding to the Google Form by June 3rd.

#### **Summary**

- All students will receive a Pass or No Pass (P or NP) for their 4th quarter classes.
- If a student wants the letter grade they are currently earning (A, B, C, or D), they need to OPT IN for a traditional letter grade. All students earning a U will be given a No Pass (NP) grade.
  - Students will OPT IN for a letter grade with their teacher for EACH class.
  - Decisions are FINAL as of the last day of the window.
  - The last day to decide is **Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020**.
- **Students will need to communicate this directly with their teacher for EACH class.**

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**What if I don't tell my teacher either way?**

- ★ A P/NP grade will be the default. If you do not opt in, your final grade will be a P or NP.

**What if I am failing my class?**

- ★ Due to the unique circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, all Unsatisfactory grades will be recorded as No Pass (NP).

**What does it mean to get a Pass/No Pass grade?**

- ★ Pass/No Pass grading does not affect your GPA, either positively or negatively (think “neutral”).

**Can I just tell one pod teacher that I want letter grades for all four of my pod classes?**

- ★ No, you will need to inform EACH teacher what you would like to do for EACH class.

**When do I need to know?**

- ★ You have until June 3rd.

**Can I decide, and then change my mind?**

- ★ The best thing would be to make one decision and tell your teacher when you know, and not go back and forth. Talk to your family, teachers and counselors about what you think is best for you! Once the deadline is up, you won't be able to change your grade.