

Bemidji Area Schools Elementary Families,

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Minnesota Department of Education has recommended that each district develop a grading system with an equitable mindset. The district has been asked to consider the stress, anxiety and uncertainty that this pandemic has caused and to design a grading system that causes no harm and minimizes long-term detrimental impact for students. Following the recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Education during these unprecedented times, the Bemidji Area Elementary K-5 Schools will be implementing the following grading system:

Bemidji K-5 Elementary Schools Grading Systems

Central Elementary, Horace May Elementary, J.W. Smith Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Northern Elementary, Solway Elementary and Gene Dillon Elementary

The Bemidji K-5 Elementary Schools will follow a P-Pass or U-Ungraded grading system. Students will receive a P-Pass if the student has participated in their learning.

- Any student who has not participated will receive a U-Ungraded identifying that they did not participate in their learning.

This COVID19 grading plan was established through the direction from the Minnesota Department of Education, Bemidji Principals and other administration. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's Principal.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Welte, Principal
Central Elementary