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Dear Port Washington Families,

Following up on yesterday's communication regarding third-quarter grading for our high school students, we would like to clarify what the policy will be for our middle school students.

We have decided to follow the same grading guidelines for Weber's students as we outlined yesterday for Schreiber's students. Those are:

*Third-quarter grades will be calculated using two measures. The first measure will be based on student performance prior to school closure on Friday, March 13, 2020. A second measure will be determined based on work students completed remotely between March 13 - April 2 (the end of Quarter 3). Any work completed remotely during the March 13 - April 2 period will be considered in computing a student's third-quarter grade only if that performance would benefit the final grade for that student. In other words, this is a hold-harmless policy regarding student performance over the last two weeks of remote learning. If a student's performance during the period prior to March 13 was of a higher quality than that during the March 13 - April 2 period, the prior grade will be used for that student's final third-quarter grade. If the student's performance during March 13 - April 2 was of a higher quality than that from the period prior to March 13, that work performance will then be considered in raising that student's final grade for the quarter. Bottom line, work during the recent period of remote learning will not negatively impact a student's third-quarter grade.*

The coronavirus global health crisis is challenging all of us in public education to adapt our educational practices in real time. We are continually refining the district's distance learning capabilities to help ensure our students are receiving a quality and substantive education throughout this period of school closure. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we all adjust to these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Hynes".

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Superintendent of Schools

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