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Dear CTECS families and students,

I hope you all had a successful week and are ready for a relaxing weekend ahead. A few short updates below concerning grading and future plans.

Grading

Over the past week, you have received information from your Principal regarding our new grading policy for the 2019-2020 school year. You can find all the policy details on our [COVID-19 webpage](#). I want to remind grade 12 students of two things:

1. The deadline to opt-out of Pass/Fail and into numeric grading for Quarter 3 has passed, however the deadline to opt-out of Pass/Fail grading and into numeric grading for Quarter 4 is June 1, 2020. Senior students may choose to opt-out of Pass/Fail grading and into numeric grading by completing a form which was previously provided in the Seniors' School Counselor's Google Classroom.
2. For our graduating seniors, it's important to know that the Connecticut State Department of Education has worked closely with its partners in higher education to reach consensus and provide guidance on grading for the school year 2019-2020, for students applying to or enrolling in CT colleges or Universities. They decided that Pass/Fail grades will be accepted for Connecticut high school students taught through distance learning for the semesters in which in-school classes are cancelled. This guidance does not reflect grading policies for public and private colleges outside of CT.

If you have any questions regarding the grading policy for the 2019-2020 school year, please contact your school's School Counseling Department. Their contact information can be found on your school's website under "staff directory."

Future Plans

While we still do not know when schools will be permitted to reopen in Connecticut, please be assured that as the State is considering reopening strategies, CTECS staff are also beginning our own reopening discussions, whether reopening takes place in May, June, or later in the year. Our planning will include health officials, safety officials, and district administration. Additionally, we expect to receive guidance from Governor Lamont, the Department of Health, and the Connecticut State Department of Education. As we learn more, we will update you accordingly.

This is a challenging time for many reasons, and I would be remiss if I did not thank you for your continued patience, support and trust. Be well and have a good weekend.

Jeffrey Wihbey, Superintendent of Schools