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Grading for students in grades K-5

Good evening parents,

I hope this message finds you and your family healthy. Only 23 instructional days are remaining in the 2019-2020 school year, but there is still plenty of content to be covered between now and June 9th. It is essential that students stay engaged in distance learning to continue their academic growth.

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) recently provided revised guidance for grading students for their second semester of the 2019-2020 school year. Consequently, elementary students (grades K-5) will receive report card grades in the areas of Math and English Language Arts only. The grade will be Meets (M) or Progressing (P).

- A report card grade of 'Meets' indicates the student participated in distance learning
- A report card grade of 'Progressing' indicates the student was not meeting expectations prior to the school closure, and had little or no participation in distance learning

Our teachers have done an amazing job reimagining the delivery of education through the new distance learning model. They recognize the need for students to continue connecting socially, emotionally, and academically and strive to keep them engaged in this new model to minimize the disruption this closure will have on their education next year. The content our students will receive between now and the end of the school year will be critical in helping to bridge the gap between the current model and coming back to school full time.

Next year really starts now. We don't want anyone to miss out on the opportunity to rise above this challenge, stay connected, and grow into the future. Tomorrow holds in it great promise, and we encourage everyone to stay the course and be well!

Sincerely,
Superintendent Aaron Bayer