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Dear Students/Parents/Guardians,

Due to the unexpected closure of schools, we have all been trying to figure out the best way to deal with distance learning issues without penalizing students for something out of their control. The Richmond County Board of Education recently sent out an update, which you may have seen in the Augusta Chronicle. I am going to try to clarify the main points as they affect our students.

First, final averages for the school year will be calculated by averaging coursework completed the first three nine-weeks before the closure on March 16, 2020. For example:

$$\begin{aligned} &1\text{st nine-weeks}/ 85 + 2\text{nd} /75 + 3\text{rd} /80 = 240 \\ &240 \div 3 = \mathbf{80 \text{ final average}} \end{aligned}$$

Your child's grade for the 3rd nine-weeks will serve as the final average for second semester courses. For example:

$$3^{\text{rd}} \text{ nine-weeks } 85 = \mathbf{\text{final average } 85}$$

Middle School Courses - Students with a final average of 70 or above will receive a grade of **PASS**. Students with a final average of 69 or below will receive a grade of **FAIL** (see calculation examples above).

Second, students will not take final exams for high school courses; therefore, final exams will not be counted in the final course average.

Third, all work completed after March 16, 2020, will be for remediation and/or enrichment purposes only and will not negatively affect the student's final grade. On the other hand, if students would like to improve their grade(s), they can continue to do assignments online. Teachers will consider the overall body of work completed during distance learning and complete a final grade override if the work causes the students' final numeric average to improve.

Finally, there is **No Further Action Needed**, if your child is satisfied with his/her final average based on the above calculation. If your child would like to improve his/her final average, please make your request to his/her teacher via email.

However, teachers will continue the enrichment part of the "assignments" until May 8, 2020.

Please feel free to email your student's teacher with any further questions or concerns.

Stay safe and healthy!