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Dear CCS Families,

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with you in your child's education. This has been an extremely challenging time, but we are thankful for the support of families and our community to support teaching and learning during the pandemic.

We are extremely grateful that in Cabarrus County Schools, we have been able to provide a Chromebook to every student in grades K-12. We are also grateful that we have been able to provide internet access to 100% of our students. Our teachers have worked to provide live-streamed lessons through Microsoft Teams and make available recordings of lessons for students who cannot participate due to privacy concerns and/or urgent personal matters. All of these efforts have allowed us to eliminate the barriers to teaching and learning that exist in other areas of the state and country due to the impact of COVID-19.

When schools were closed last spring due to the onset of the pandemic, state and federal leaders provided waivers for attendance, grading, state/federal testing, and graduation requirements. Those waivers were necessary as we didn't have an opportunity to plan for the emergency school closures. **However, for the 2020-21 school year, there are no waivers for attendance, grading, state/federal testing, and graduation requirements.** We are working diligently to ensure all students have access to high quality instruction and resources in order to have a successful school year.

Based on the structures we have in place, we have modified our attendance guidelines for this school year. Please visit the district website to view the [CCS Attendance Guidance for Families](#) which go into effect January 4, 2021 for our Early College High Schools and January 19, 2021 for our Traditional Schools. **As a reminder, students who are in Plan B on their assigned off-site/remote learning day (not in-person) and students who are in Plan C (100% Remote) should be present on Microsoft Teams and actively participating in live synchronous instruction for the entire session(s).**

We are currently accepting Commitment Forms for the 3rd Quarter. All students who are currently learning in Plan C (with the exception of preschool students and students attending the Virtual Academy) are required to complete the CCS 3rd Quarter Commitment Form. This information will assist us in planning for 3rd quarter. This form can be found on your child's school website.

If you have questions about this communication or your child's education, please contact your child's school. Thank you again for the opportunity to partner with you in your child's education.

Yours in Service,

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