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Dear Bulldog Parents and Families,

First, let me say I hope you and your family are safe and healthy as you read this letter. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we have been adjusting, like you, to the drastic changes in life over the last few weeks. I am extremely appreciative of our students, parents, teachers, and staff for their positivity, flexibility and resilience during these trying times.

As you know, distance learning with our HISD @H.O.M.E. is in full motion. Our goal is to provide continuous educational opportunities and practice for students while the campus is closed but also to eliminate as much stress as feasibly possible for students, parents, and teachers. For additional support students and parents will be able to call the HISD @ H.O.M.E. Hotline Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at **713-556-INFO (4636)**. Operators will be on hand to answer questions in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Arabic. The hotline will remain in place for as long as it is needed to support the transition to at-home learning.

For the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year we are adopting the following grading policies to ensure that students' grades are not negatively affected due to the current circumstances:

-No district grades taken after March 12, 2020 can negatively impact a student's overall average for the course.

-If a student's grade in the final grading cycle negatively impacts their overall final grade in a course, that final cycle grade will be omitted in the calculation of the final grade for the course.

-Grading for the 4th-9 weeks cycle will be based upon student participation and engagement in learning. The teachers will track student participation and engagement with online learning platforms, Classroom Dojo check-in's, phone check-in's, emails, and various other methods between teacher and student to track learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or any member of our administrative team.

**Bulldogs Rising-Bulldog Strong!**

Mark Samuel  
Principal