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Dear Del Mar Families and Students,

As we have recently learned, our Distance Learning plan has been extended through May 1st, 2020. This means that we will be engaging in at least six weeks of learning from home. Six weeks is an incredibly long amount of time and there is a great deal of information to be consumed from home. Teachers are working very diligently to teach this information in engaging and meaningful ways.

If we were attending school during this period of time within our classrooms, the expectation would be that completing all assignments is mandatory. Our teachers have learned over the past couple of weeks that the perception of Distance Learning has left some with the feeling that the work assigned is optional. Teachers have also noticed a drop in the quality of work some students are turning in; for example, a lack of using complete sentences. If, however, this drop in quality is due to confusion, frustration, or a lack of knowledge, please reach out to your teachers for assistance. They want you to be successful through this transition!

Part of how our teachers are tracking attendance is through the completion of student work and participation within their classes. Students who do not complete their work in its entirety or fail to turn it in will receive an "Incomplete" on the assignment. Too many "Incompletes" or lack of participation in the class may result in a grade of an "Incomplete" for the trimester. *If a student receives an "Incomplete" on their report card, they may be at risk of not being promoted to the next grade level.*

Please be assured that parents will be kept informed if your child is at risk of receiving an "Incomplete." Teachers, school psychologists, and administrators have been reaching out to students who have not been engaging in their classes, or who have not submitted work. While this letter carries a more serious tone, it is because we want our students to know the value and importance we are holding them to during our time with Distance Learning.

We understand that families are still figuring out their new routines, technical difficulties are bound to happen, and life in general may get in the way. We just ask that students communicate with their teacher to inform them in advance as to why their work is missing, and to come up with a plan as to how it will get completed.

Sincerely,

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Brian Lynch and Ann-Marie Skaggs

