April 20, 2020

Dear Caddo Families,

As we continue to navigate this unprecedented time together, I am thankful to walk through this event with the best educators imaginable who have worked tirelessly to prepare lessons and support our students.

This time has also brought with it the added role for our parents and guardians of being hands on in educating our school-aged children. I am humbled and grateful for the ways in which many of you have gone above and beyond to continue instruction and work collaboratively with the lessons provided by our teachers to guide learning.

While we do not yet know when we will be able to begin the process of returning to normal life, we all know the importance of ensuring our children are academically prepared to reach their biggest dreams. Thus, we must push as hard as we can to complete as much as we can.

In the creation of our grading procedures for the assignments provided during this pandemic, we understand families are in different places and respect that. However, we also must provide opportunities for students to go further. The Do No Harm philosophy which has been adopted by our district allows students to continue assignments with the ability to improve their grades. Therefore, the work should be completed and will be rewarded.

If students decline academically or struggle in assignments, students will not be punished. Instead, their grades will revert back to what they were when we left school in March. Our teachers will also work with you where possible to provide feedback and supports to help your struggling child.

This approach allows our students to continue learning across subjects without the fear and anxiety that may come with struggling in this new learning environment.

Our district stands ready to support you and your students. We will get through this time together as we do with any difficulties we face. It is what sets us apart and one of the reasons why I am proud to say WE ARE CADDO.

Sincerely,

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T. Lamar Goree, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Offering Equal Opportunity in Employment and Educational Programs
Caddo Parish Public Schools is committed to providing opportunities for all students to stay actively engaged during this unprecedented time. This includes access to high-quality curriculum and resources designed with your student’s needs in mind.

It is our commitment to provide instruction that meets students’ needs, led by Caddo’s dynamic teachers.

A guiding philosophy for our district is for staff to be flexible and reasonable while adopting a Do No Harm approach.

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-IMPORTANT FACTS-

- Students are provided opportunities to continue learning and complete assignments.

- Teachers continue to assess students’ work.

- Students have an opportunity to improve their grades. If a student declines academically, their grade will revert back to the grade he/she had at the time of school closures on March 13.

- No final exams or standardized tests will be given. Requirements for these have been waived.

- If a parent or student has any questions or concerns regarding coursework, grading or other needs, all administrators and teachers are holding office hours. Please use these hours to communicate with your child’s school.

- Students shall not be penalized academically due to their inability to access devices, the internet or academic resources. If a student’s current situation does not allow the student to take part in coursework, the principal and/or teacher will work with the family to identify barriers to completion.

Your BIG DREAMS Start Here!