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Greetings Spooner High School Students and Families,

We hope you are all healthy and safe at home. Our staff has really worked hard to adjust to the new normal of remote learning. We have had to overcome many obstacles and through that process have tried to keep our students as our main focus. We are three weeks into the new term and we are seeing a lot of great student involvement and work being completed. Please be sure to remain in close communication with your teachers as we work to finish out the school year. Remember, there are resources in place to help you if you find yourself struggling. You can find a resource list in our previous communications which have been sent by phone and email and can be found on our High School website.

The information that you are receiving is the result of hard work, research, and communications that we have received from concerned parties. Please read carefully and thank you for your patience as we have worked through these difficult times. In response to COVID-19 and the changes that we've made for Term 4, we have determined the best solution for grading for all students is a "Pass/No Pass" grading system. What this does is freeze all student's GPAs after Term 3. Students will receive earned credits for their work which will count towards graduation requirements, but they will not receive GPA points. The seven week term has been scaled back to only include essential standards that will allow students to progress towards graduation. Students are not afforded face-to-face instruction, instead they are now taking courses in a variety of methods depending on their available technology. All the decisions we have made are based on research, communication with area school districts, and students' best interests in mind. In an attempt to accommodate all students, we will also be providing an opportunity for any interested student to enter into a contract which would allow them to complete additional coursework to receive a letter grade and GPA points for Term 4.

For students that are interested in a letter grade, they must contact each individual teacher and request a "Contract for Letter Grade." The contract will give the students specific information about what is required to receive a letter grade for Term 4 courses. Students must make their request by email by Friday, May 15th and a signed contract must be in place by the following Friday, May 22nd. Students and parents should be aware that upon entering into a contract, the student will remain in the letter grading system for the remainder of the term. Each teacher will determine based on their content what students will need to complete to receive a letter grade.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this difficult time. Thank you for allowing us the time to do our research and come up with a plan that is equitable for all students.

With Respect,

Dennis Scherz
High School Principal