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# LETTERS FROM PRINCIPAL DEIGNAN

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Dear DV Community,

Hello from Desert Vista! I hope all is well in your household with everyone healthy and safe. As you know, we have a little under 6 weeks left in the 4th quarter, and the most recent communication from our TUHSD Teaching & Learning Department defines the [grading criteria to be used](#) by teachers. By now, students should be aware of how this applies to his/her specific classes. The key role that we as parents can play is to ensure that they are engaging daily through school email and Schoology. While a 4th quarter grade can't be lower than a 3rd quarter grade based on any work that a student does or doesn't do, teachers do have an expectation of participation to the best of a student's ability. For those who already have a comfortable 3rd quarter grade, please consider the [message from our counseling department](#) to encourage continued engagement and make sure you know the [DV Counseling Office Hours](#) if you have questions, concerns, or just want to pop in to say hi! If there is a need for extra time, clarification, or even extension or supplemental activities and materials; please have your student reach out to the teacher for that. It is our intent to meet the specific needs of each student as best we can. One additional resource is the access to our [Online DV Peer Tutors](#) available to students. Check it out! There is no shortage of resources while learning online.

For our seniors, the planning for a virtual graduation is in the works with students and staff looking at options while the consideration for a postponed in-person event is yet to be determined based on local, state, and federal guidelines that our district will consider when making a decision on that. That is still pending. Outside of a graduation event, we will be providing a 2020 DV Graduate yard sign for every senior, and are working out the details on ordering and distribution to our seniors for proud display in their homes or yards. Look for more communication on the yard signs as well distribution of any remaining caps/gowns, chords, etc. A plan for yearbooks is also being developed. Finally, we are flipping on the lights in Thunder Stadium each night at 8:20 PM (20:20 in military time) for 20 minutes to draw attention to our graduating class for whom this school closure hits particularly hard. While none of this can adequately fill the void felt by our seniors, we want them to know that we are thinking about them each and every day. They are not forgotten.

Please continue to do all the things necessary to keep your family safe and healthy, physically and emotionally. Give each other a little leeway and understand that while school and learning are important, family and relationships take center stage. Have a great week, DV!

Mr. D.