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Re: Grading Policy for the Remainder of the School Year

Dear Anaheim Elementary School District Families,

Many thanks to all of you who have helped your child log-in to participate in Distance Learning this week. Our teachers have been working hard to prepare lessons for their classes and they get great satisfaction when they see that their students are working on the assignments and building on what they had been learning before the school dismissal.

The District has been working with the California Department of Education, the Orange County Department of Education, and AESD stakeholders to develop guidelines and policies that are student-centered and not punitive.

With this in mind, final grades will be based on the trimester 2 grades that were given on March 6, 2020, which was five days before the school dismissal caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. Aside from the grade that they will be issued, teachers may indicate student academic improvement by providing students with personalized comments that reflect the efforts and progress that have been made during Distance Learning.

The incredible American poet Maya Angelou once said, "people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." It is our goal that students will look back on this uncertain time as a period during which they overcame challenges by feeling supported and valued by their parents, their teachers, and the staff of the Anaheim Elementary School District.

If you have any additional questions about your child's final report card for the 2019-2020 school year, please talk to your child's teacher.

Kind regards,  
Dr. Christopher Downing  
Superintendent