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Dear Parents,

While this pandemic has closed our campus buildings, it has not stopped our students from learning. Friendship cannot be prouder of all the support, commitment and patience that each of you has demonstrated during these unprecedented times. We love receiving the pictures, artwork and student assignments that show us how that great teaching and learning continues to flourish. Again, thank you!

With our recent announcement to end school year 2019-20 for all students on Friday, May 29, we wanted to provide you with a few academic updates that will support a successful close to the school year.

	PS – 8 Criteria	High School Criteria
District Assessment	No spring administration of the NWEA MAP assessment test.	Incoming 9 th grade students may take the NWEA MAP during Summer Bridge starting in June.
Quarter 4 Grading	Students will earn a Pass or Fail Grade based on distance-learning work packets, assignments and daily virtual participation.	Students will earn letter grades based on assignments, formative assessments projects, and daily virtual participation.
Promotion and Retention	Schools will use Q1 - Q3 grades and attendance, SY19 - 20 NWEA MAP data and teacher/principal recommendations	Schools will use Q1 - Q4 grades and attendance, high school credit requirements, and teacher/principal recommendations
Summer Learning Academy Participation	Schools will use Q1 - Q3 grades and attendance, SY19 - 20 MAP data, and teacher/principal recommendation	Schools will use Q1 - Q4 grades and attendance, high school credit requirements, and teacher/principal recommendation

SY = School year Q = Quarter

This letter and additional information can be found on our online distance-learning page at <https://www.friendshipschools.org/distance-teaching-learning/>.

We welcome your questions and feedback during this critical period. Call 202.281.1777 or email wecare@friendshipschools.org with your “Glows and Grows”— let us know what is working well, give a shout out to your teachers or schools, or tell us where we can improve our service to you.

Again, thank you. I hope that you and your family remain safe and healthy.

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