April 17, 2020

Dear Ogemaw Heights Families,

I hope this message finds everyone healthy and well. The purpose of this message to share with families the grading policy that Ogemaw Heights is enacting during the Governor’s suspension of face to face instruction. This policy, which applies only to the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year is as follows:

Students will be credited with the grades they were receiving as of March 12, 2020. This grade will be recorded on their official transcripts as their 2nd Semester grade. Participation in the District’s Continuity of Learning plan will only increase a student’s grade in a class. No grades will be lowered through participation.

There are two methods for students who are wishing to raise a passing grade or needing to improve a non-passing grade (below 60%).

1. Participate in the District’s Continuity of Learning Plan. Grades will be improved based on a combination of frequency and level of participation.

2. Complete/revise assignments, tests, and quizzes that were assigned to be completed prior to March 12. These grades will be factored using the policy established in the class syllabus.

Other important information:

• The last day of school for students in grades 9-11 will remain June 5. (Pending State Superintendent Approval)

• The last day for seniors will remain May 22, though they will have until June 5 to complete any assignments needed to improve grades or complete classes required for graduation.

• Grades for classes taken online through MVU or dual enrollment will adhere to the grading policies and timelines established those institutions.

• The policy extends to students who are completing Algebra 1 while in 8th grade.

• Packet pick up for those requiring or preferring a paper and pencil option of learning will take place at the Ogemaw Heights main office on Monday, April 20 and Tuesday April 21, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm both days. Packets not picked up will be mailed to students at the primary address we have on file. Each packet will include enough assignments to last three weeks.

• All teachers will be keeping regular office hours and will be available to answer questions by phone or email during those times. Individual teacher contact information is posted on the High School website.

We strongly encourage participation in our Continuity of Learning Plan as preparation for your student’s next level of learning. We are also prepared to make the necessary accommodations to our instruction in the fall in order to mitigate the impact caused by this year’s suspension of face to face instruction.

Thank you for your continued support,

Benjamin Doan