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Dear Barker Families:

Below is the instructional and grading process Barker Jr./Sr. High will be adopting for the 4th quarter, beginning Monday, April 27.

We understand that this is a challenging time for everyone. This process includes guidance on an approximate number of minutes of distance learning students should be doing each day. Also, students will have multiple options to be successful with the fourth quarter, as well as the overall school year. This outline was made in conjunction with our faculty, parents, and follows statewide/regional guidelines.

If your student has any questions about instruction in a classroom, please begin by reaching out to that classroom teacher directly via e-mail.

The grading/instructional process for 4th quarter for all courses in 7-12 is:

1. The 4th quarter begins Monday 4/27
2. All Q4 communication/assignments will be issued through Google Classroom teacher sites. If a student needs help locating the Google classroom, please e-mail that teacher directly.
3. A student whose average is below a 70% at the end of Q4 will be issued a *70% for the final grade for Q4. A *70% indicates that the student's average for Q4 is actually a below a 70%. The 70% will be used to calculate their end of year grade.
 - a. If school resumes prior to the end of the year, the school may possibly modify the *70 approach.
4. There will be no end of year final exams for 2020. If a course does have some sort of "overall assessment" it will be a grade like any other in Q4.
5. Final course average is determined by averaging Q1-4.
6. All assignments will be made available in a digital format via Google classroom. There will be approximately 20 minutes of instruction per day, per course. Rates may change slightly for AP/college level courses. Individual teachers at these levels will have information on their Google classrooms.

Some other notes for Q4:

1. Guidance from our regional BOCES indicates for that grades 7-12, about 20 minutes of instruction per course, per day is appropriate. Please understand it takes different students different lengths of time to complete instruction. If you have a concern, please contact that specific teacher.
2. All assignments/communications will be sent out in weekly formats: for example, on Monday morning a teacher's Google Classroom will have the assignments/instruction/supplemental materials for the entire week. This will help families keep track of assignments and plan their week out.

We hope these guidelines will allow families to better plan out their week, and make instructional time more manageable for students. If you have any concerns or questions, please reach out to the appropriate person.

We cannot wait to have our school building full of our students again. We hope you are all well. Stay healthy, Barker. We miss you all!

Michael Carter
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