



BRISTOL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

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Dear Families,

There was a great deal of research, discussion, time and effort that went into the grading decision for the final trimester. We knew it was an important one, which is why it took the time it did. We want to extend our appreciation for the feedback that was received following the decision. There was further consideration given to making adjustments in some areas, including electives as a result of this feedback but, in the end, it was decided to stick with the original decision. We've discovered that the electives have been providing a much needed emotional outlet for many students during this difficult time for them. We collectively felt that even if these important subjects were not graded at this specific time, it in no way diminishes the value of these subjects or the educators.

As mentioned in the most recent Friday Flyer, plans for recognizing our eighth grade students are underway. Currently, mass gatherings of 10 or more people, including traditional graduations and parking lot graduations, may not take place. The DHS and DPI recommend that all schools postpone spring and summer graduations and only consider holding large public gatherings, such as graduations, once the state has met benchmarks articulated in the state's Badger Bounce Back plan and the state determines that it is safe to do so. Being hopeful, we asked village officials to see if our eighth grade graduates could possibly be recognized during Bristol Progress Days and maybe participate in the parade. Unfortunately, we just learned that Bristol Progress Days has been canceled. We'll definitely look at other options. We do have yard signs ordered and should arrive by the end of next week. Mrs. Graf and the eighth grade teachers have been brainstorming and are leaning toward a virtual ceremony. The idea would be to incorporate as many pieces of the traditional ceremony into a virtual format. They want you to know that they are working hard to create something that is worthwhile and special to honor this class. They want to make this right. We know time is moving quickly. You will be given updates as plans come together.

It has been a year like no other. Both Mrs. Graf and I never could have imagined a year like this in our first year here at Bristol School. We also couldn't imagine being anywhere else. Please know that we are committed to closing out the school year on a positive note for all students and, especially, for our eighth graders.

On a totally separate note and on behalf of everyone at Bristol School, we wish all families a happy Mother's Day weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. David R. Milz