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RE: New Guidance on Grading

Dear Jesup High School Students and Parents:

The Iowa Department of Education recently provided schools with new guidance around grading for schools that are participating in the Voluntary Continuous Learning Plan. This new guidance is very important for students that are currently failing a class or want to bring their grade up from where it was at on March 16<sup>th</sup>, when our school closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**The guidance states that schools may allow students in grades 9-12 redo assignments or complete reassessments that covered content taught prior to March 16<sup>th</sup>.** This means that any Jesup High School student may bring their grade up if they wish to do so. In order to do this, the student must contact the teacher of the class in which they are looking to improve their grade. They can do this via email or by attending office hours. Teachers may choose to have students redo a learning activity or they may come up with a new learning activity over the same content.

This will allow students the chance to earn the letter grade they were hoping to get achieve in each of their classes. In the interest of doing what is best for students, we are still going to allow them the opportunity to take a pass or fail in a class if they would rather do that. A pass/fail grade does not affect a students' cumulative grade point average. Taking the letter grade they earn does affect their cumulative grade point average.

This new guidance will help our students and we are hoping many students take advantage of this opportunity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me or any of the teachers. Be safe and stay well!

Sincerely,  
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