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Dear Students and Parents,

We hope you and your family are safe and healthy during this difficult time. Staff and students have been working diligently over the past few weeks, and we are very proud of how our entire school community has responded to this crisis.

I would like to provide a few updates regarding some academic matters:

State Testing: Our annual state assessments (NJ SLA/PARCC) have been canceled for 2020.

Graduation Assessment Requirements: This week, Gov. Murphy issued an executive order waiving the requirement for seniors to show proficiency on an assessment in Math and English.

AP Testing: The College Board has reduced the length and scope of these assessments. High Point will continue to require that students take these end of course exams, and we will be increasing our financial subsidy of AP testing, making these tests more affordable for students.

<https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students>

Final Exams: High Point's administration believes that the current environment is not conducive for administering formal, final exams. Although classroom teachers may still administer a range of assessments within a marking period, we will not be administering final exams this year.

Calculation of Yearly Grades: Final exams were slated to count for 10% of a student's yearly grade. As we have done in the past when we have exempted a student from taking a final exam, the final's 10% will be redistributed among the other five grading components.

Yearly Grade Calculation		
	Original	Revised
MP1	20%	22.25%
MP2	20%	22.25%
Midterm	10%	11.00%
MP3	20%	22.25%
MP4	20%	22.25%
Final	10%	"X"

(revised 4/29/20)

All of these issues needed to be decided upon within the last few weeks, but we did spend considerable time deliberating about them, and discussing most of these matters with teachers and students. Also, these items will be presented to our Board of Education for their consideration at their April 28 meeting.

We are confident that our staff and students will continue to respond positively to this challenging situation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seamus W. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Seamus W. Campbell