Dear Match Families,

As we continue to get more information about the state of public health we continue to gain more clarity around what the end of our school year will look like. I appreciate your patience and flexibility in supporting your student(s) while we navigate these unprecedented circumstances. Below are several updates about the end of this school year, the summer, and some preliminary plans for next year. As always do not hesitate to reach out to any staff member if you have questions about any of this information or anything else related to your student’s remote learning experience.

End of Year

- We are asking students to make up missing work from our remote learning period to ensure they are able to finish the school year strong and master essential learning. Each student will receive a custom list of assignments to prioritize. Your student will receive this list via email and we will also send a copy of this list in the mail. This communication will go out early the week of May 18th.
- We are extending Q3 until the end of the year so that our final quarter of grade includes both in person learning time and remote learning. We believe this change will benefit students by making sure grades reflect their work at school.
- Quarter 3 will close June 12th. All make up work should be completed by this date.
- We have changed our end of the year finals plans to remove cumulative tests and are instead using shorter assignments and projects with teacher support to better reflect our current remote learning situation. Your student will have a final project in each class. Final Projects will be due by no later than June 17th.
- We are currently working on plans to get students into the building to retrieve belongings they left at school. More details coming soon.
- (Remote) Promotion will be held on Wednesday June 24th. We will hold a virtual promotion ceremony the evening of June 24th. More details coming soon.

Summer Learning and Retention

- Based on grades from the entire school year we will begin notifying families the week of May 18th about the likely need to attend Summer Academy.
- Retention in the current grade is unlikely, but possible, for this school year.
- Summer Academy will be offered in a remote format for student safety, but will include more formal “class time” with teachers to assist students in closing learning gaps and preparing for the next grade.
As in prior years, all students who have Extended School Year as a part of their IEP will be enrolled in our remote summer Academy. If you have questions about this please reach out to our director of special education, Kim Lake.

In addition to Summer Academy, we will be offering some summer learning options for students to ensure Match students are prepared for the next school year. Students who are on track for the next grade will receive our traditional summer reading and math practice. Students who are slightly behind but do not need Summer Academy will receive more practice assignments and teacher calls to help them prepare for the next grade.

Next Year

- Match remains committed to making sure all of our students are prepared to succeed in college and beyond. As part of that commitment staff are already making plans for closing any gaps that have emerged for students during the pandemic.
- Staff are beginning to plan for helping students return to a traditional school day. We are preparing to help students relearn any lagging school going skills, rebuild our school community so that students feel safe and ready to learn, help students socially-emotionally process their recent experiences, and to catch up academically.
- While we know this disrupted spring will have impacts for many students, we also know our staff are exceptional at helping close gaps, supporting students, and meeting a variety of needs. We have already begun planning, so that we are able to welcome students back to school with open arms.

Thank you again for your continued support and do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

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