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Dear parents and families,

It's been a strong start to the school year, and it wouldn't be possible without your parenting and support. Thanks for buying school supplies, for putting your children to bed a little earlier, for doing all the things you do to help make it a successful school year. We hope all of our students will make the most of the many opportunities afforded them in Morgan County Schools. If your child needs additional support, please let us know. If your high schooler isn't involved in any teams or clubs, help us spark an interest outside of class. After all, students who are involved in extracurriculars tend to get better grades.

Speaking of grades, recent changes to state policy have forced us to change our grading scales. While preK students will use a mastery skills checklist, other students will use the grades and scales shown here:

Kindergarten and 1st		Core in Grades 2 to 5		Specials in Grades 2 to 5		All Other Grades	
Average	Grade	Average	Grade	Average	Grade	Average	Grade
90-100	O	90-100	A	90-100	O	90-100	A
70-89	S	80-89	B	70-89	S	80-89	B
60-69	N	70-79	C	60-69	N	70-79	C
0-59	U	60-69	D	0-59	U	60-69	D
		0-59	F			0-59	F

Our district has also switched to a new gradebook program called LiveGrades. This change was necessary because our previous provider closed up shop, but the change in software will save us money while still providing parents and students access to grades in real time. Please call the school if you have not gotten directions for logging into LiveGrades.

Finally, a word about safety and security. Nothing is more important to me as a parent and school leader. We had to evacuate a couple of buildings already this year – better to have fire detection equipment that's too sensitive than not sensitive enough – and I want to assure you that we are keeping students safe while they are in our custody. And while they are in our custody, we are busy keeping them safe. Rest assured that we will communicate with parents *after* the emergency and after *every* emergency. Thanks again for placing your trust in us and for making education a priority in your family.

Sincerely,

Erich May, Ed.D.
 Superintendent