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Tim Dotson Superintendent Ken Herz Board President

Dear Limestone Walters Families,

First, I hope this message finds your family safe and doing well. On behalf of our staff, we want to offer our sincere thanks for your extra efforts with your child's Remote Learning. I realize that this "new normal" has upset many schedules and routines. Overall, our student engagement has been very high and that does not happen without devoted and dedicated parents! I also want to recognize our student body. They took a situation that they didn't ask to have, and adapted extremely well! Basically, our final grading period has been completely online. My hope is that during this time they have not only learned some new skills, but learned something about themselves. They learned that they are resilient and that they can accomplish anything if they have the desire and the will to do so!

Finally, I want to also take this opportunity to salute our entire staff. They truly portray what it means to be a "life-long learner." They have made every effort to make learning fun, yet still keep students engaged from afar. Know that they miss your children and have tried to stay connected as much as possible.

As the 2019 - 2020 school comes to a close, I wanted to share some details on how the final days will be conducted. More specific information will be forthcoming as we develop more plans, but here are the most pertinent items to date.

Remote Learning

The last day for Remote Learning for students in grades K-8 will be Friday, **May 15**th. For all 8th graders, the last day of Remote Learning will be Friday, **May 8**th. Lunch deliveries will conclude on **May 21**st.

Collection/Return of Items

We will begin the collection of electronic devices and the returning of student items and supplies with the schedule listed below. This process will be very similar for our K-4 electronic device pickup back on April 1. Out of safety to our staff and everyone involved, no one will be allowed in the building. Student belongings will be bagged and labeled to be returned.

 $\begin{array}{l} May~18^{th}-Last~names~A-G\\ May~19^{th}-Last~names~H-M\\ May~20^{th}-Last~names~N-Z \end{array}$

We ask that all electronic devices be labeled with each student's name and grade. More information will be provided as these dates draw nearer.

Grades

Report cards will be mailed to homes on **May 21.** Students will either received a P for passing or an I for incomplete. We ask that students turn in as much work as possible, and to contact their teacher if they have any questions.

Graduation

We are still looking at an in-person graduation ceremony. Most likely it will be a mid- to-late July date. However, for this ceremony to take place it has to be determined by health officials that it is safe to do so. My hope is to provide that date to you by May 21.

Thank you again for all of your help, support, patience, and understanding. Know that our current situation is temporary, and at some point we will be back in school!

Tim Dotson Superintendent