Dear Families:

We hope this correspondence finds you, your family and your loved ones healthy and safe. We know these are uncertain times and we wish to provide as much information as possible regarding your child’s education, including assessment and evaluation processes.

The Ministry of Education has provided direction that all students will receive a report card in June. York Region District School Board will be providing electronic report cards for our students. Our goal is to have all electronic copies of report cards distributed to families by July 3. Families will be notified when their child’s electronic report card is ready and instructions for access to the report will be provided in that communication.

During the school closure period, The Ministry of Education indicated that students’ marks should not be negatively affected by performance during online learning from home. Therefore, end of year marks can only remain the same or increase based on work completed from April 6 and onward.

Teachers have been focused on student learning by providing tasks, projects and culminating activities for assessment and evaluation, and have been recording and communicating the results of all marked work to students. Comments and the evaluation of Learning Skills will reflect work done by students prior to the school closure.

In the case where the teacher does not have sufficient evidence to determine a grade, students may receive a code “I” on the report card. A code “I” is used when, due to extenuating circumstances, there is not enough information to assess or assign a final mark. It is in no way a penalty to the student, nor is it a statement about the student’s competence or capacity to learn; it is merely an indication that at this specific point in time, learning could not be validly evaluated for report card purposes.

In the case of courses which started after April 6th (e.g., Civics, Careers, new Quadmester courses), students who did not engage and/or provide sufficient evidence of learning will be ineligible to earn the credit and will receive an “I” on the final report.

Where a student receives an “I” on the final report card, a credit will not be granted. The course with the “I” will not appear on the student’s official Ontario Student Transcript. School staff, in consultation with the parents and the student, will determine program options, including credit recovery and retaking the credit to meet the expectations and earn credit.
Note: please disregard the Median column in this report card as the use of the “I” may result in some inaccuracies in calculations.

York Region District School Board will once again be offering acceleration and credit recovery/reinforcement courses during the summer. Please see YRDSB’s Secondary School Summer 2020 web page for registration information. Students may also apply for e-learning by visiting the e-learning website after receiving permission from their home school.

We remain committed to supporting our students and families as we continue to navigate the effects of COVID-19 on education. If your school can support your family in any way, we encourage you to connect directly with the teacher, guidance counsellor, vice-principal or principal.
Dear Family:

We hope that this letter and the book will bring health and protection to you and your family. We know that these are uncertain times and we want to provide clear information about your child's report card.

The Ministry of Education has directed that all students must receive report cards in June. The York Region District School Board will provide report cards to our students.

Our goal is to distribute all the report cards to families as soon as possible so that they can receive their child's report card.

When your child's report card is ready, we will distribute it to your family to inform you.

The Ministry of Education has indicated that students should continue to learn online during school closures, so we do not want to take grades/credits away from students.

Therefore, at the end of April 6th, the marks added at the end of the school year will remain the same.

Teachers will continue to support students, organize programs, and review student work to keep records up to date.

Teachers are aware that reports are used in special circumstances. However, at the end of the school year, a fair and correct grade must be determined where insufficient evidence is provided. It is important to note that this is not a series and is not a statement about the student's ability or intelligence.

In the event that a course begins after April 6th (examples include citizenship, kindergarten, or secondary course), students who are not involved or do not provide sufficient evidence are not eligible for credits. If a student receives a "I" mark on a report card, that student will not receive credits. However, they will be able to request a program and credits in consultation with their program's account, including credits and mark achievement.

Note: When reviewing the report card, please ignore the median column because a "I" mark can cause some confusion. For more information, please visit the YRDSB's Secondary School Summer 2020 web page. Parents are also encouraged to take a tour of the Learning Website for their child.

We are working hard to support students and their families as we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. If you need any help, please contact your teacher, guidance counselor, or principal directly.

Yours sincerely,