Ken-Ton Big Picture Program

Kevin Kruger
Principal

Anne Blenk
Program Coordinator

155 Delaware Road
Kenmore, NY 14217

T (716) 874-8403
F (716) 874-8650

www.ktufsd.org

May 18, 2020

Dear Big Picture Families:

As we enter the home stretch of our school year, please know the wellbeing of our students and families continue to be at the forefront of our thoughts. Given the unprecedented circumstances we are facing, the following grading guidance is being provided for our 8-12 students for the 3rd Trimester only. The goal in establishing this guidance was to acknowledge and evaluate the work completed by students, and to be able to most accurately reflect grades on student transcripts. This guidance was developed jointly with our district Office of Instruction and Student Services, building principals and high school leadership teams.

A student's grade will be the <u>highest</u> of one of the following options*:
- Actual 4th Quarter Grade **(or)**
- Average of the first three quarters **(or)**
- A grade of 65.

Final course averages will be calculated using the average of the four quarters.

These alternative grading options will NOT be available for future school years, but are designed as a one-time accommodation due to the unprecedented circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

End of year academic timeline:

9-12 Summer School Information Available	June 1 (Online Courses only)
Student Last Day of Instruction (End of 3rd Trimester)	June 10
Teacher's Last Day	June 17
Report Cards Printed/Mailed/Posted	June 19

In the creation of this adjusted grading policy, the district's priority was to ensure our teachers were able to assess the best evidence of student learning. In some cases, this is the learning that occurred during classroom instruction. In other cases, students have thrived in the virtual environment. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we work to ensure our students are not negatively impacted by the challenges of learning in a virtual environment.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kruger, Principal