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Dear Thompson Families,

I do hope you received my call and text informing you that the Thompson Teacher Parade was postponed until Tuesday, May 5, 2020 starting at 1:30 pm. The parade route was emailed out to you and it is posted on the district's website. The route was developed to accommodate the large number of vehicles and fire trucks that will be in the parade. The location of the procession throughout the parade will be posted in real time on Thompson Public School's Facebook page.

As a reminder, I urge everyone to practice six feet social distancing between non-family members and to consider wearing some type of face mask.

Grading:

The district is in the process of reviewing the grading guidelines provided by the Connecticut State Department of Education. At this time, we are continuing to use numerical grading for assignments at both Thompson Middle School and Tourtellotte Memorial High School. The grades are being entered into our student information system and can be viewed through the Tyler Parent Portal.

Teachers at Mary R. Fisher are tracking student progress daily and have been in regular communication with parents. The end of the year reporting may be a narrative assessment of progress made during the distance learning program.

A final decision will be made about the grading scale following the progress reports that go out later this month. We are also aware that some students and their families may be struggling with health, financial, and child care issues which may be impacting work completion. If your family is experiencing any of these circumstances, please reach out to your child's teacher or school counselor.

In addition, families are still reaching out to secure devices and internet access. If you are in need of a device or internet connection, call your child's school and leave a message.

Highlighting TMHS Class of 2020:

The district is celebrating the Class of 2020 by posting a daily "Senior Spotlight" on social media sites and weekly full page ads in the Shopper's Guide. Also, be on the lookout for signs throughout town placed on the lawn of our student's homes.

We have one more way to recognize TMHS Graduating Class of 2020 coming next month!

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend,

Melinda A. Smith

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