MOUNT SINAI MIDDLE SCHOOL



P.O. Box 398 114 North Country Road, Mount Sinai, New York 11766 (631) 870-2700 FAX: (631) 473-6368



Mr. Gordon Brosdal SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Elizabeth E. Hine PRINCIPAL

Mr. Christopher W. Heil ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

April 16, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

First and foremost, I hope that all your families and loved ones are safe and remain healthy during this unprecedented country-wide health crisis. I am optimistic about the future for our country, state, county, community and school to overcome the hardships that have been thrust upon us in this economic shutdown, "stay at home," and distance learning period of time.

Everyone's situation is different but direction from the administration to the teachers from the onset has been "to do the best you can" and be accessible to your students as much as possible. This has meant that their school day has been extended beyond the normal six hour day and teachers are utilizing whatever means to communicate and assist parents and students to continue to move learning forward.

As the third quarter ends, grades at the time of school closure are being entered in Power School to calculate student averages. If work that was completed during this distance learning time can improve a student's average, teachers are utilizing it as well. To the contrary, a student who is not completing assignments may receive an incomplete and have time to turn it in to their teacher so that it can be utilized in the same manner. An incomplete will not negatively impact a student's grade.

Students who are not completing <u>any</u> distance learning assignments, despite multiple attempts to communicate technical concerns or other issues needing to be resolved through teachers or building administration, are being notified in separate mailings by guidance to the possible ramifications for summer school prior to promotion to the next grade level. Students are required to do school work for all subject areas during this time period. Do the best you can, but do something rather than nothing.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or call me at the main office (870-2701) on Mondays or Fridays between the hours of 9:00am and 12:00pm.

Thanks for all your efforts with this challenging educational time. Our thoughts are with you and we miss each and every one of your children.

Stay healthy and safe.

Elizabeth E. Hine