



Hello Excell Families,

We hope this letter finds you all happy and healthy and looking forward to the last few weeks of the school year. As the end of the school year approaches, we want to share some important information with you. Please see the updates below and feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

On Thursday, June 4th Excell Academy will be having modified graduation ceremonies to celebrate with all of our Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 8th grade students. We will be having "drive through" graduations for Pre-K and Kindergarten in the morning and will be visiting the homes of our 8th graders in the afternoon. The Pre-K graduation will occur in our front parking lot from 10:00am-11:00am and the Kindergarten graduation from 11:00am-12:00pm. Details surrounding the "drive through" graduations will be sent directly to families as there are several social distancing policies that must be followed. Families will be asked to form a line of cars and drive through the front parking lot where staff will be waiting there to cheer for our students. Students (and family members) will not be allowed to get out of their cars. The process will be very similar to our meal pickup service that has been running each week. For our 8th grade graduation, we will be forming a caravan that will visit the homes of each student between 12:30-3:30, a detailed schedule will be sent out to students in the coming days. Our 8th grade students will be asked to meet the caravan outside for some pictures and a goodbye from the staff. Again, a series of social distancing policies will be followed.

Additionally, we want to let you know what to expect for the last week of school. We have decided to show off our school pride and are officially inviting all Excell families to participate in "spirit week"! Each day of the last week of school will have a different theme and we are asking families to participate as much as possible to help us all end the year on a positive note. More details will be coming out soon.

For the last trimester of the school year, Excell Academy has created a modified grading process to better meet the needs of our students and families. Our elementary students will receive a grade of "NG", which simply stands for "not graded". Our 5th - 8th grade students will receive a "pass" grade. These updates were made based on feedback from stakeholders and also to stay aligned with local school district policies. We also want to let families know Excell Academy will not be retaining any students. We don't feel that it would be appropriate to recommend retention in light of the disruption that has occurred to the day-to-day lives of our students. However, we will notify parents if we were planning to recommend retention for your child before school was transitioned to distance learning. If you would like to discuss retention please notify your child's teacher and the Academic Dean will contact you.

Excell Academy will continue to do "Whatever it Takes" to best meet the needs of our students and families. If you have any questions regarding this information, please reach out to your child's teacher and someone will contact you ASAP.

Sincerely,
Excell Academy Admin Team