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Dear Parents and Guardians,

By now the news is out from the governor's office that all New York schools will remain closed for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year. While this is definitely disappointing, it was not unexpected and is for the health and welfare of your children and all our staff members at the Mt. Sinai Middle School and district. There are a few pressing concerns and issues I hope to address with information in this letter, most notably the continuation of distance learning assignments and fourth quarter grades as well as locker clean out and return of school property items.

Beginning May 15, 2020, teachers will be adhering to the following schedule in posting all distance learning assignments:

Monday and Wednesday – English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Languages Other Than English

Tuesday and Thursday – Mathematics, Science and Computers

Friday – Specials (Physical Education, Family and Consumer Science, Technology, Music, Art) and be utilized for make-up work.

The above schedule will serve to taper down the workload and daily commitments students and parents have had to deal with from the third quarter and start of distance learning initiative. It is meant to be flexible so if there are any problems with this change, please address it directly to your child's teacher. We will continue to use number grades to assess our students and the quarter 4 grade will be 25% of the student's final average. Our teachers care greatly about your child's academic and emotional well-being. If there are any concerns, please reach out to them, their guidance counselors, or building administration at any time to review your child's progress or discuss issues they may be having.

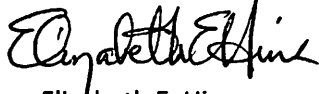
A schedule for locker clean out and return of school items (textbooks, library books, musical instruments) as well as pick up of personal belongings (medication, projects, school supplies) will be posted on the middle school website along with this letter. We will follow social distancing guidelines and if you cannot make the assigned day or time noted on the schedule, please contact the main office for an individual appointment.

One final note about teacher/team assignments for the fifth grade students entering sixth grade next year. Due to the fact that guidelines are pending from the NYSED on the re-opening of schools in September, there will **not** be a notation on the Power School final report card in June. Assignment

letters will be mailed in August which will denote the homeroom teacher's name and classroom number.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or call me at the main office (870-2700). I am in the building most mornings from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Additional information will be forthcoming with regard to Grade 8 Moving Up events, and Middle School Yearbook distribution as plans are finalized in the next couple of weeks.

Stay healthy and safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth E. Hine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E".

Elizabeth E. Hine