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Dear Berlin Families,

With this communication I want to update you on several items regarding end-of-year calendar events and other issues related to the Berlin School District. As you are aware, Monday, May 25th is the Memorial Day Holiday for all staff, so enjoy the three day weekend. You all deserve the much needed rest! As a reminder, this Friday, May 22nd is a regular school day for students and teachers.

The final day of instruction for all students in the Berlin Central School District has been determined to be Wednesday, June 17th. Grading of student work will continue to take place until this date of the 17th. Throughout the remainder of the year our teachers will continue to monitor student progress and communicate to parents / guardians through regular channels.

As a reminder, students enrolled in high school courses (generally grades 9-12, with a few 8th grade classes) will receive a numerical grade for each subject for the 4th quarter. However, the percentage is reduced from 25% to 16%. This is averaged with the first 3 quarters, which are each worth 28%, to determine a final grade. Please encourage your child to continue to be diligent in submitting any required work to their respective teachers.

Construction of the capital project improvements is proceeding at a furious pace. Additional work is getting done in the buildings and access to areas are limited. The Track is being coated this week, the grass is growing on the baseball and soccer fields, and the MS/HS instructional and office spaces are being completed. Abatement work and plumbing for the gang toilets has begun at BES. The bus garage will be pouring the foundation walls this week.

As of today, subject to change, we will not have summer instructional programs taking place in either building. The administration is planning to continue limited virtual learning initiatives, including Extended School Year services, for a limited number of students, depending on individual needs.

Opening of schools in September is still undecided at the State Government level. While we can anticipate a disruption to the normal opening process, we do plan on sweeping changes in how we regulate and implement changes related to social distancing and academic instruction. There is a New York State Education Department Task Force for reopening schools in NYS. As soon as we learn of any NYS Government decisions, we will update you as to the plans.

Please stay safe, health and follow social distancing guidelines!

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Young