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Hello Parents and Guardians of Herndon Magnet School Students, this is Tom Thomas, Principal of Herndon Magnet School, with information about Grades:

Many of you have expressed concern over grades not being in the JCAMPUS Student Progress Portal. Teachers were asked not to enter grades until Herndon's staffing was finalized by Central Office. I did not want grades to be entered and then deleted if teachers had to change grade-levels or if schedules had to be changed because a teaching position was eliminated due to Herndon's student numbers. This would have resulted in you receiving double the amount of JCAMPUS calls if there were failing grades. It is my hope that staffing is finalized this week. Whether staffing is or is not finalized, grades will be entered this week.

As the principal, and a parent of a Herndon Hawk, I realize that the first nine weeks progress report goes home next week. However, teachers have been working diligently and will continue to work carefully to ensure that grades reflect mastery of the content being taught. Teachers are also making sure that students who need additional support are being given opportunities to be successful.

Today, there are more demands placed on students and teachers than ever before by the state and federal governments. Therefore, we must work closer as a team to make the school and home partnership more efficient and effective. With this said, I am requesting that you make sure that your student is at school every day and on time unless they are really ill. Students must be fever free 24 hours in order to return to school. Additionally, we need your help in making sure academics takes priority over extra-curricular activities.

In closing, thank you for your continued patience, kindness, and support. It is a pleasure being able to serve the parents and guardians as principal of Herndon Magnet School. You are appreciated! "The Best is Yet to Come!"

A transcript of this call can be found at www.herndonmagnetschool.com. Thank you and have a wonderful evening! ID #: 223676