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Dear MMS Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of an important update on the district's homework protocol, which went into effect on Thursday 2/2. Per this change, **teachers will be able to grade homework** as a means of providing students with feedback about their progress. Graded homework assignments can be incorporated into teachers' current grading practices at not more than 10% of a student's overall grade.

Assistant Superintendent Amy Doyle, in her email to the Merrimack community on January 3, stated that the objective of this new protocol is to support homework as an important component in the home-to-school partnership. This ensures students see learning as something that continues outside the school building, as well as something that supports the development of their essential executive functioning skills. Finally, the practice of assigning homework is intended to support student learning by providing opportunities for practice, based on the differentiated and developmentally appropriate needs of students.

You should be hearing from your student's teachers regarding their expectations for assigning and grading homework. If your student is struggling to complete assignments or spending an excessive amount of time to complete regular assignments, please do not hesitate to reach out to staff.

In order to help support this shift to grading homework, we have staff who will be providing opportunities to all MMS students to get a little extra help. Please click the link below for information about this program for students.

[MMS After School Homework Help](#)

Thank you for all your collaboration and work with us throughout the school year!

Sincerely,

Adam Caragher
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