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Good Evening LAMS Family Members,

This is Ms. Ponella the principal of Louis Armstrong Middle School with your weekly news.

Hello May! I hope everyone is taking this time to continue to build relationships and checking on those you love who may be alone and need a kind voice to hear.

All students who applied for an iPad/laptop, should have received it. If you didn't receive it or anyone who is having problems with their tech devices can now reach out directly to the Department of Education. A link was sent earlier for this via Pupil Path.

I have heard from a couple of parents who had concerns with the Chancellor's new grading policy. Please know here at LAMS, we are continuing to teach standards-based lessons and keeping the same rigor we have always had in our lessons. We are preparing our students to enter their next grade. The way we are able to teach has changed, but the high standards of teaching and learning has not changed. With the new grading policy, our students will continue to get a numerical grade for the 4th marking period. Therefore, it's still important for our students continue to their best in their unique circumstances during this time. We continue to remain flexible, patient and understanding during this time. Their final grade will not be a cumulative average of the four marking periods but receive one of the three indicators: MT which means meets standards, N which means needs improvement or an NX which means course in progress.

I'd like to give a big shout out to the students who submitted poems for our school spirit day! Their words touched my heart. I'm so proud of them all and I can't wait to see them again.

We are continuing to make wellness calls to check in with families and to let you know we are still here and care and we are here to help and support you if you are in need. If you are in need, please reach out to us. We are here for you and together we will get through this time.

Thank you for reminding your child to fill out their daily attendance form and for encouraging them and helping them with their school work each day.

Thank you to all our first responders, health care workers and essential workers. We couldn't do it without you.

Remember to stay safe, stay inside, wash your hands frequently, cover your face if you have to go outside and know that we can't wait to see everyone again.

This is Ms. Ponella, signing off from LAMS, where what happens here WILL change the world!