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Dear IB DP students and families

This winter, the IBO requested and reviewed data from schools and had extensive conversations with school administrators globally to ensure consistency and fairness to all IB students and schools.

Based on information the three IB DP High Schools in SPPS provided to the IBO, and in line with local and national health and safety restrictions, **the IBO determined that SPPS is unable to administer examinations.**

Therefore, IB Diploma Program students' results at Central, Harding, and Highland Park High Schools will be awarded using coursework marks, internal assessments, and predicted grades for the May 2021 examination session.

Things to keep in mind with this decision:

- All students will still earn an IB score for their learning this year. These scores will still offer the potential for earning college credit.
- All students currently pursuing the IB Diploma will still be eligible to achieve this important milestone.
- The focus for spring 2021 can continue to be on students during this complex time
 - With all that remains uncertain, including the increased anxiety students, families, and teachers are experiencing, this pathway allows teachers to maintain their focus on providing a quality IB learning experience, and supporting students' continued social- and emotional-learning needs.

Families and students with further questions about these changes should contact the IB Diploma Program Coordinators or Administrators at their respective high schools.

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