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Dear Parents and Guardians,

First, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season and hopes for a restful and relaxing Spring Break. The warmer weather is something all can look forward to. As the district cautiously returns to "normalcy" with safety of paramount importance, we will delay the reunification of cohorts for two weeks. This brief pause will relieve two concerns. First, our shipment of individual desk partitions has not yet arrived and second, concerns regarding holiday travel and associated exposure will be alleviated. The planned return date for five day a week instruction is April 26.

The district has been proud of our efforts to minimize any transmissions in the school and to date has had no student to student transmissions, per the Department of Health. We look forward to the continued cooperation of our student families to remain vigilant in their approach to dealing with pandemic concerns. Your accurate completion of the Daily COVID Questionnaire is greatly appreciated, as is keeping your child home if not feeling well. Additionally, if you need to travel during the Spring Break, remember that you will be required to quarantine your child prior to their return to "in-person" instruction. We can only successfully and safely move forward with your cooperation.

The Governor's Executive Order still allows you to elect for your child to receive instruction remotely. If this is your selection, your child will remain a virtual student for the remainder of this school year so we can appropriately prepare the buildings. Most have already alerted the appropriate school office if their child is returning from virtual to in-person instruction. If you decide for your child to make this shift, you must notify your school office no later than 4/12.

We are proud that we have been one of few districts that has been able to offer full day in-person instruction to our students, and have been doing so since September. We are also proud to be able to present our outdoor spring sport offerings. I am extremely excited for any activities we can safely provide to our students.

Lastly, we are building robust summer programs that will be made available to many students. These programs will be offered in a variety of modalities, including, but not limited to, in-person instruction, online courses, and additional educational services which will provide opportunities for re-teaching, tutoring, and enrichment.

Please look for school specific updates from your child's principal.

I continue to look forward to the day when this pandemic will be a memory and offer students all the academic and social experiences they deserve.

Enjoy the Spring Break.

*Christopher J. Herdman*

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