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Dear Families,

I hope this finds you and your family well. The current school closure has compelled the school district to deliver instruction remotely. Over the past eight weeks teachers have developed their online teaching skills and have been delivering instruction to our students. Their efforts during this difficult situation are greatly appreciated. Additionally, the district has delivered thousands of meals to families across the Island. Thank you to all of our staff members who have made this outreach possible.

The current situation has caused a variety of issues with our school calendar. The district decided earlier this year to cancel our April vacation and allow the momentum that had developed by teachers and students to continue without an extended interruption. Consequently, our final day of school has been backed up to Monday, June 22nd. Moreover, in order to recover two lost contractually obligated school days, and to provide some relief to our staff and families, the last five days of school, Tuesday, June 16th to Monday, June 22nd will be designated as half-days. There will be no class sessions or meetings after 11:00 a.m. at the high school and after 12:00 noon at the elementary schools on these days. Attached please find an updated calendar that reflects these changes.

In addition to the revised calendar, attached you will find a letter from the Commissioner of Education about remote learning, our revised Remote Learning Plan, and the content standards most critical for student success in the next grade as developed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Teachers will be focusing on these standards to ensure our students are prepared for next school year.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the school district if you need any assistance in accessing remote learning or meals. We understand that this situation has created tremendous challenges for our families, and the district has resources to provide support.

Please stay safe and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Matthew D'Andrea, LP.D.