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Dear Parents and Family Members:

I hope this letter finds you well.

It is difficult to believe that we just surpassed the one-year anniversary of the unprecedented closing of public schools across the State and County due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As I reflect on the past year, I take great pride in all that we have accomplished together during what will likely prove to be the most challenging circumstances of our lifetimes.

In consideration of the upcoming Spring Recess, I want to take this opportunity to remind you that all Commission schools will be closed from Friday, April 2 to Friday, April 9, 2021 per our regular calendar.

After speaking with local health officials, I made the decision that all schools and programs will shift to fulltime remote instruction for the five days after returning from Spring Recess (April 12 – 16, 2021). This precautionary measure will help reduce risk of potential transmission resulting from holiday travel and family gatherings while minimizing the time students are outside of the classroom. You can expect to receive updated schedules from your child's administrators and teachers prior to April 1, 2021.

If you and your family plan to travel during Spring Recess, I ask that you remain mindful that the New Jersey Travel Advisory recommends that all individuals – including those who are fully vaccinated - self-quarantine for a full 10-days upon returning from any location beyond the immediate region (New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Connecticut).

Please contact your child's school if your travel plans extend beyond April 8, 2021 so arrangements can be made for your child to participate in remote instruction during required self-quarantine dates.

In closing, I am confident that I speak on behalf of our administrative team, teachers, and support staff when I reiterate our commitment to providing healthy, supportive, and nurturing learning environments and ensuring that EVERY student returns safely to full-time instruction as soon as permissible.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child. Stay safe, positive and enjoy the holidays.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Kowalski
Acting Superintendent