May 5, 2020

Dear Parents,

Even though anticipated, it was with a heavy heart that I listened to Governor Murphy announce yesterday that our schools would remain closed for the 2019-2020 school year. While the reality of the daily interaction our students experience within our schools dictates this decision, we miss weaving through congested hallways, seeing learning take root in our classrooms, connecting with students as they socialize during lunch, and hearing the cheer of the crowd as they perform on stage or on our athletic fields.

To best adjust to this announcement and continue to support our students through distance learning, we are modifying our school calendar for the remainder of this school year.

Specifically, we will shift all remaining unused snow days, including May 21, May 22, and May 26, and move them from Memorial Day weekend to the end of the year. After conversation with our County Superintendent, we also have the ability to recapture our snow day that was used on March 16 as this was our first official day of distance learning, similarly moving that day to the end of the year.

By moving these days, while our Memorial Day break will only be Monday, May 25, 2020, with distance learning resuming on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, we will be able to end remote learning for students on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, rather than Tuesday, June 23, 2020, as expected.

You can expect more communication to follow in the near future as we continue to review and adjust our plans accordingly to best support all of our students for the remainder of the school year. Until then, may you and your family remain safe and healthy.

Graham Peabody
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