

# Canastota Central School District

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Dear Canastota School Community,

As you know, change has become a constant for us throughout 2020. This year more than ever, it has become necessary to provide opportunities for our staff members to participate in training and professional development opportunities as they continue to adapt to the changes confronting the educational system. In order to allow for this training to occur, I need to inform you of several modifications to the 2020-2021 instructional calendar. The school calendar has been modified to include four additional half days for the purpose of staff development spread out over the course of the remainder of the year.

The first of these half days is Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, the day leading into the holiday break. The students will be released early, and hopefully this will allow families to get a head start on their holiday plans. The half day schedule for professional development for the remainder of the year is as follows:

- Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> (already scheduled on the original calendar)

Students will be dismissed early on the above dates as follows:

- Peterboro Street Elementary School - 11:10am
- South Side Elementary School - 11:10am
- Roberts Street Elementary School - 10:10am
- Junior/Senior High School - 10:10am

Again, thank you for your understanding and patience as we make our way through this challenging school year. Please understand that we do not take these changes lightly, we know that this requires adjustments on your end as well. I can assure you that these days will be put to good use, and will be spent focusing on improving the overall educational experience of your child. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Shawn D. Bissetta  
Superintendent of Schools