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RE: Adjustment to Instructional Calendar

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Good Afternoon,

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. I would like to thank all of you who took the time to complete the return-to-school survey concerning grades 7-12 that was issued last Friday. The survey closed at noon today, and we are currently reviewing the feedback provided by our families and by our staff. I expect to issue an updated statement regarding next steps for bringing students in grades 7-12 back to in-person instruction 5 days/week by Wednesday morning. While undertaking this additional layer of analysis delayed our original plan to return students to school this week, given the recent change in guidance, our delay ensured that we can make a responsible decision based on full information and extensive stakeholder feedback. Thanks to you, we now have that information. Again, more to come on Wednesday.

I also would like to inform you of a necessary modification to our instructional calendar impacting next week. **Due to staff development training sessions that must be conducted, Monday, April 26th and Tuesday, April 27th will now be half-days of instruction for students.** We understand that this may necessitate adjustments in supervision on the part of many families. However, it is imperative that we provide this time for training for our staff members in order to make sure we are offering the best learning environment for our students. This has been a year of many changes and disruptions, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we head into the homestretch of the school year. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Sincerely,
Shawn Bissetta
Superintendent of Schools