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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Good Afternoon! Welcome to the end of February, and hopefully the end of all of the snow. It was almost a year ago today that I began to write to you about Covid-19, and our district plans. It would be erroneous to say that time has gone by quickly. We will remember the past twelve months and our collective and individual experiences for the rest of our lives.

This past month we transitioned to Phase II, and despite the distractions of snow and holidays, we were able to achieve success with more in-person instructional time. Our schools are starting to move toward more normalcy. These progressions, in addition to more individuals becoming vaccinated, and more promising weather around the corner, are allowing for greater optimism over the next several months.

At our elementary schools, March 15th is the onset of the last trimester, and we invite all group C students to join our in-person daily sessions. Please see the [attached link](#) to transition your child(ren) out of group C. In the spirit of having all of our students return to in-person instruction, we will open up additional dates beyond March 15th for students to transition back before the end of the year. They are as follows: March 29, 2021, April 19, 2021, May 3, 2021, and May 17, 2021.

If you are interested in these additional dates, please indicate that on the form or you may wait until a later date to let us know. We ask that you notify us at least one week prior of the identified return dates so that we may prepare for your child(ren)'s return.

At the High School and Middle School, we are developing plans to transition our students back to everyday in-person instruction by the fourth marking period. This is a work in progress, and we will update you soon about our plans.

We are pleased to share the following calendar and event updates:

May 19, 2021: Senior Breakfast
June 2, 2021: Senior Awards
June 4, 2021: Senior Prom
June 23, 2021: 8th Grade Promotion
June 24, 2021: Graduation
TBD: Nation Honor Society Induction

**Please note that the above events will be held at New Providence High School, and will be outdoor events. All of the events are subject to change in the event of our community's health, Department of Health or Education guidance or Executive Order by the Governor.*

In terms of the upcoming spring break, we will not have a remote transition week before or after break in April. Please note that if you travel, the 10 (total) day quarantine will be in effect even if you have been fully vaccinated. Please be transparent with us and contact your child(ren)s school to let us know about your travel plans. Your child will be able to utilize remote instruction during that quarantine period of 10 days.

For reference, the Department of Health has recently shared the following vaccination information regarding exposure to Covid-19. If you are 14 days out from your second vaccination, and you are within 90 days of that second dose, and you are asymptomatic, you do not need to quarantine if you are exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19. We will follow this guidance in the event we have incidents of this nature with our staff or students.

With respect to our emergency days built into the calendar, currently we have four days remaining. If we do not use any of these days, we would preserve one day for the balance of the year, and give back three days. Therefore, we would extend Memorial Day Weekend, and be closed on Thursday May 27, Friday May 28, and Tuesday June 1, in addition to Memorial Day. Final notice affirming this calendar revision will be communicated to our school district community in April.

Finally, we are planning for as many in-person events and activities as possible for all of our students as we close out the school year. We recognize that so many of these social events have been carved out of a typical year, and we want to attempt to provide as many safe opportunities for students to have fun before we break for summer. Please be on the look-out for updates from your child(ren)'s principals for details.

As always, thank you for all of your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Minko, Ed.D." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Superintendent of Schools