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April 28, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We trust that you and your family are safe and well.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your unwavering support and understanding over the past year as we work together in providing your child with high-quality education during these trying times.

Analyses of performance reports reveal that our students are doing well despite the challenges, thanks to your continued support and the diligence of our staff and administrators.

We have maintained in-person learning in all our schools this academic year where many schools were not as fortunate. As we approach the end of the school year, we must prepare for what we anticipate being a “normal” September opening.

As you are aware, we have some major renovations happening at Newark Tech and their faculty and most of their students will be moving to Bloomfield. Secondly, our students at West Caldwell Tech will be moving back to their newly renovated building in September 2021. Lastly, the incoming freshmen class of Newark Tech will be housed at Payne Tech starting in September 2021.

As you can see there are many great things happening in our district and a great deal of work that needs to be done in a short amount of time.

Therefore, in preparation for what we believe will be a fantastic September 2021 opening, we will be finishing our school year with **all remote instruction**. Our teachers will continue providing instruction up until June 18th and we will continue to have our Wellness Wednesdays until June 2nd.

May 3-14: In-person ACCESS for ELs Test

May 14: Last day for in-person learning.

May 17: Remote learning for all students in all three schools for the remainder of the school year.

May 20 - June 11: AP tests -computer based, administered remotely

June 4: In-person AP Spanish in all schools.

June 7-11: Final Exams

June 18: Last day for students

As we wrap up what was a most challenging and interesting year, we ask that you continue to monitor your child’s performance in each course to ensure they are doing well academically. We are very committed to your child's success and value your continued support.

As always, thank you for taking an active role in your child’s education. We look forward to seeing you all in person next year!

Sincerely,

Dr. James Pedersen
Superintendent of Schools