



WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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UPDATE FOR FAMILIES REGARDING APRIL VACATION

April 9, 2020

Dear Westwood Families:

I am writing to let you know that I am recommending to the School Committee that we take the unprecedented step of cancelling April vacation this year and continuing with our remote learning days. I have every reason to believe that they will support the recommendation and will vote to change the school calendar at their meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Assuming that the vote passes, Monday, April 20th will be a "no school" day in observance of the Patriots Day holiday. Tuesday, April 21st through Friday, April 24th will be remote learning school days. By adding these "make up" days in April, we will not need to extend the school year in June, and the last day of school will be **Friday, June 19th**.

We believe that this decision will allow us to continue the momentum that we have started with our remote learning plans. It balances the need for some rest on the long weekend with the reality that typical April vacation plans already have been cancelled by the current health crisis.

As always, we know that families are dealing with many different circumstances right now and are mindful of the need to be flexible.

I hope everyone has a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Emily Parks

Superintendent