

March 11, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We were preparing an update to you this week that included information on travel guidelines as Spring Recess nears. Today we learned that Governor Cuomo will be removing travel restrictions for New Yorkers effective April 1. [[Read more here.](#)] That's welcome news for travelers, but it's also frustrating. My question to the governor is "why can our students and staff travel freely but cannot come together at school?" I have sent this question and expressed my frustration to the Governor's Office and other state leaders. At a time when data show schools are not where the virus is spreading, it is difficult to understand why we cannot bring our students to school five days per week.

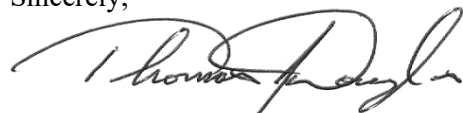
In the meantime, the district is doing what we can to increase educational opportunities within current state guidance.

Beginning next week at the High School, hybrid model students will have the opportunity to attend an additional day on specific Wednesdays based on their cohort. The High School will share more information to students and parents/guardians, with specific information for each cohort week following the initial startup. Please note that at this time this is for High School hybrid students only. Remote students will continue to engage remotely as they are currently. We are working on other opportunities at different educational levels in the district as well.

We will continue to advocate at the state level to bring all students these increased educational opportunities. We know this is best for students. If you would like to contact the Governor's Office to assist in this advocacy for our students, here is the contact information: [Governor Contact Form | Governor Andrew M. Cuomo \(ny.gov\)](#).

If you have questions, please feel free to contact your school office. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools