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Planning for the End of the School Year

Families:

We are closing in on the end of the 2020-2021 school year with the last day of school for students scheduled for Friday, June 4. The day has been scheduled as an early release for students with a dismissal time of 12:30 pm.

I am happy to report that the positive case rates reported throughout our three counties have continued to go down in the last few weeks. More of our families, including students 12 years of age and older, have had increasing opportunities to receive the vaccine. In our school district, the number of positive cases has remained low in recent weeks. The number of students and staff having to quarantine have also declined over the past few weeks.

As I shared with you in my May 14 communication, Minnesota's *Safe Learning Plan* remains in effect for schools through the last student day which for us is Friday, June 4. This means that masks must continue to be worn by everyone inside school buildings or on a school bus through the end of the school day on June 4. We want to make sure we are doing everything we can to ensure every student can attend their school in person through the end of the school year.

We are still waiting for specific guidance regarding summer school and Community Education programming COVID-19 safety measures from the Minnesota Department of Education. I am hopeful we will know more within the next week and be able to communicate to those families with students attending summer school and/or involved in Community Education activities.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! We look forward to celebrating with you at commencement on Sunday, June 6, in the High School gymnasium beginning at 2:00 pm.

Thank you for your support of your student(s) throughout the school year. I wish you a healthy and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,
Dale Carlson
Superintendent