



Dear Parents,

I'm writing today with an update regarding the timeline for a return to our school buildings.

Governor Walz just announced that the e-learning period will continue through the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

He has also ordered that student instruction not be held on Friday, May 1 and Monday, May 4. These days will remain as planning days for administrators and teachers to prepare for the remainder of the school calendar year in an e-learning environment. School-age care for children of critical workers will still operate on those days.

I know that an extension of the e-learning period is not the news many of us wanted to hear. We know that e-learning adds challenges for students and for parents, and we miss seeing the smiling faces of your children in the classrooms and halls of our schools.

Regarding spring-time events and celebrations, we are working through creative ways to honor students' and employees' hard-earned accomplishments and will share updates about each event to those impacted.

Please know that your students' teachers, principals, support staff and administrators are here to support you and your students in any way we can. Thank you for all you are doing to support your student throughout the e-learning period. It is not easy to continue your work and help your children.

Thank you, as well, for your ongoing support of the District. We appreciate your partnership.

Stay well and safe.

Dennis Peterson
Superintendent of Schools