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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We wish to update you on the current status of our emergency closure days. Currently, there are five (5) emergency closing days left in the school calendar. As you are aware, the District scheduled seven (7) emergency closure days for inclement weather or other emergency circumstances for the 2020-21 school year. As of today, March 18, we have exercised two (2) emergency closure days due to inclement weather. Per past practice, when five or more emergency closing days remain in the school calendar, four of these are returned as school recess days.

I will make a recommendation to the Board of Education to revise the school calendar to reflect April 5, 2021, April 6, 2021, May 28, 2021 and June 1, 2021 as school recess days. The Board of Education will be taking action on this resolution at their March 23, 2021 meeting. Upon approval of these days, an adjusted school calendar will be published on our school website at www.chittenangoschools.org. Also, a School Messenger reminder (our automated phone system) will be sent prior to the new recess dates.

Please note that if an emergency closure day is needed before June 1, 2021, students and staff will be in session on this date.

Per the Governor's recent statement, it is our understanding at the time of this writing, that after April 1st no travel restrictions apply; therefore, the requirement to quarantine and test when traveling domestically is no longer required. When traveling, please exercise caution and upon return monitor yourself for symptoms. With this updated guidance, our daily attestation statement will be adjusted accordingly after April 1st.

This planning will provide the District a contingency day in order to maintain one (1) emergency closure day through the end of the school year. Keep in mind that emergency closure days are not only for snow, ice and cold temperatures, but also boiler failures, power outages, flooding, etc. The intention of the District is to be prepared for the unexpected.

It is certainly our hope that the weather cooperates and no other emergencies occur where cancelling school may be required. For the safety of all students and staff, please be assured that the same criteria will be applied if conditions require the cancellation of school. The intention of the District is to err on the side of safety for our children, regardless of the number of days used.

We appreciate your support and understanding in our unyielding efforts to maintain the safety of our children. I wish everyone a relaxing spring break.

Sincerely,

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