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Dear Readington Families,

This week's beautiful weather is a reminder that spring is upon us and summer is just around the corner. Ordinarily, this would be the time for end of the year activities and close out. This parent letter communicates preliminary plans for close out of the year and a way we can celebrate our 8th grade.

Graduation/End of the Year Celebrations

Our district continues to receive announcements from the State Department of Education, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and of course, the Governor's Executive Orders. It is our goal to keep the safety of our students, families, and staff our first priority. The past week has brought with it mixed announcements about graduations. At first, only virtual graduations were a possibility, and now it seems that graduation may include a "wave parade." Currently, we are in the process of consulting with surrounding districts, OEM, and local law enforcement to discuss a graduation that may include this type of activity. Further communication will come once final decisions have been made.

Calendar Adjustment - Reminder

A revised calendar will be proposed to the Board of Education on Tuesday. Please be reminded that **May 22 will be revised as a remote learning day. Remote learning will end on June 19, leaving June 22** as a close out day. We are also including several "close out" early dismissal days the week of June 1-5. Please note that these early dismissal days will not impact morning instructional time; however, staff may not be available in the afternoon. This will allow teachers to begin gathering student belongings for pick-up. Final details about student materials left in buildings are still being worked out. We plan to communicate to parents further about how you will pick-up materials left in school. However, you can mark your calendar for June 19 and June 22 as pick-up days.

Finally, it is important to reflect upon this very unusual situation. As I contemplate, I want to ensure that I thank all of you for your patience, understanding, and support as the district executes virtual instruction and plans for the end of the school year. Our school community has been tremendous in coming together to support one another. Please continue to reach out to district and community resources should you need any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Hart".

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