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Winfield School Family,

In this unprecedented time, I would like to thank everyone for the efforts they've made to make the remote learning experience a success. Our families have done a wonderful job making the transition from being in the school building to supporting our learners in the home. Our teachers are continuing to put together lessons that will build the skills of our students so that they are ready to be at the appropriate levels for whenever we return to the school building.

It has become clear that it may go on longer than any of us originally expected, and for a number of reasons, I have made the decision that we will not observe our spring break during the 2019-2020 school year. April 10th will still be an off day for the observation of the Good Friday holiday.

The main reasons behind this decision:

- Some students have had trouble transitioning to the remote learning model, and spending two full weeks getting acclimated could be derailed by a week-long interruption.
- Spring break is often a time for travel for many as a chance to get out of town or escape what is usually the end of a long winter, but with so many travel restrictions in place, this is not currently feasible.
- Spring break is often a chance for students to rest and recharge before the stress of state standardized testing takes over in late April/early May, but with testing canceled for the year, this issue is removed.

Some of the benefits of this decision:

- The last day of school will likely be approximately June 10. (This date cannot be official until the board of education votes to approve it.)
- Students and families have the benefit of an uninterrupted access to teachers as they navigate their work.
- Students will have the week of April 13 through April 17 to make up any work they may have missed during the transition to remote learning. No new work will be assigned.
- Virtual field trips will be posted to the Remote Digital Learning tab on the school website for students to take advantage of.

This is a strange time, and there's a lot we're still learning about how this is all working, but it is important to continue to grow and adapt with the changes.

Thank you and stay healthy,

Ross LeBrun