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Dear CCSD Families,

I hope you are all enjoying this time off from school and staying healthy and safe during this spring break recess.

One thing that we have learned throughout this pandemic is to be consistently flexible and ready to adjust any well intentioned plans and decisions. To this end, the return to in-person teaching and learning will begin a week later than originally announced. **For the week of April 12, all students will continue fully remote. In-person teaching and learning will begin on Monday, April 19th,** for the following reasons:

1. Community spread may increase and be negatively impacted due to staff and student/family travel.
2. Anticipated staff member quarantines due to travel will likely leave the District unable to cover all classes. This will impact our availability of substitute teachers.
3. Although the CDC and NJDOH suggest we can operate hybrid learning during "high ranges" we want to reduce risks with any additional spring break exposure.
4. The district's decision to operate fully remote the week immediately following Spring Break was based on continued collaboration with county health and education officials.

I know this news is likely not favored, particularly because the anticipation of having your child(ren) start in-person is high. However, for the reasons stated above, I am confident that we will begin in-person instruction on April 19 in the safest way possible.

Continue to enjoy your spring break recess.

Students First,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Katrina T. McCombs'.

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