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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Spring Break is coming! We are all starting to feel the excitement that comes from warmer weather and perhaps, the happy anticipation of life returning to normal in the future. But we are **NOT THERE YET** and **WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!** It may be tempting to engage in “normal” behavior over spring break, but we need to proceed with caution and common sense.

The purpose of this correspondence is two-fold: to implore your cooperation and to share our hopes. The key factor in the success of this district continues to be YOU! You are wearing masks, washing hands, and maintaining social distances. We need you to continue to be aware of your health and the health of your family.

Undoubtedly, many families have plans for Spring Break. You may be traveling or planning some day trips with friends. Please continue to use caution and common sense. To ensure that you have time to quarantine and evaluate the health of your family, **we will transition to remote learning for the week of April 12th.** We understand how difficult it is to recognize if a sore throat and runny nose is due to a cold, allergies or Covid-19, but we ask that you be especially cautious. If family members are feeling ill, awaiting Covid-19 test results, have been a direct contact, or have traveled, have your children stay home for a few days until it can be determined that the children can safely attend school without the possibility of spreading the virus. Without that caution, we will be forced to quarantine others. We truly need your cooperation, vigilance, and willingness to take a few days to ensure wellness for your family and others. Hopefully, the week of remote learning will provide you with time to observe your family’s health and make decisions that will support the health of all. Without this pause and reflection, we are left to conduct contact tracing, make notifications, and quarantine students as appropriate. Most recently, it has caused Lincoln Roosevelt school to transition to remote learning for a week and the high school has experienced an upward trend in positive cases. That’s how important our families and their decisions are to the health and direction of our district. Therefore, I implore you to take these cautions under consideration as we move into spring break, and again, **I sincerely thank you for partnering with us and ask you to continue to reach out to our school nurses and keep them informed of any positive cases in your household that would impact student attendance.**

Along with requesting your partnership, I also want to share our hopes for the future. We would like to return to a typical school day by the end of April. To that end, we have begun preparing for the fulfillment of that hope. However, please know, that I will be working closely with our local health officials, our administration, the Board of Education, and our staff to determine if that hope will become a reality. **No decision has been made at this point.** We will continue to monitor the health of the district and community. We will continue to take precautions and strive for sanitization of spaces within our buildings. We will continue our work, but again, the decision will rest upon the results of the choices and precautions made by our families.

If you must travel, use common sense, take precautions, and quarantine before returning to school. We look forward to healthy and successful weeks following spring break so we can return to a typical school day later this spring. Therefore, if your child(ren) or someone in your family is experiencing any signs of illness, please stay home and stream into the classroom. Take advantage of this opportunity to adjust learning to ensure your health and the health of others.

I sincerely hope that you and yours enjoy the sunshine and the season. We can do this! We are so close, but we need to continue to support each other. The old adage that “Patience is a virtue” is about to be tested. We need your patience, your vigilance, and your commitment so that the “good things that come to those who wait” can be enjoyed by all. Don’t give up those healthy habits and smart precautions yet! Good things and possibilities are around the corner for us. Let’s continue to work together and make it happen! Remember, we are Roxbury Strong!

Yours in Education,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Loretta L. Radulic". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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Superintendent of Schools