



Dear BPS Community,

In Massachusetts each school committee is responsible for establishing the school year calendar for its schools, and may adjust the school calendar to meet the needs of its community. Earlier today, the Barnstable School Committee voted to cancel April vacation, and continue our BPS Remote Learning Plan through next week. Their decision was informed by 1633 households and 452 staff who responded to yesterday's phone survey (and additional emails). Of those responding, more than 76% of BPS staff and 77% of families preferred to continue teaching and learning through next week. Since Monday is a holiday, students will be expected to continue to participate in the BPS Remote Learning Plan Tuesday through Friday.

We thank our families and staff who were able to participate in the survey, and for those who emailed and called with their perspectives. The next School Committee meeting is May 6. During the May 6th meeting, the School Committee will revisit the 2019-2020 school calendar to determine if additional adjustments are necessary. With today's vote, our last day of school, either in person or remotely, will be June 18, representing the required 180 days of instruction. We will offer another survey, closer to the May 6 meeting, to seek input on whether additional adjustments are necessary. One example, of a future adjustment discussed today by the School Committee, was to extend the Memorial Day weekend to create a longer break. As we get closer to May 6, I will send out information as to how families and staff can once again provide input.

Sincerely,

Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown, Superintendent of Schools