



Southbridge Public Schools

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Dear Families,

As we head into spring vacation, I would like to provide you with a few updates. Our return from vacation on Monday, April 26, will begin the voluntary district-wide return to school buildings. This will not greatly impact our three elementary schools because they have seen a steady increase of in-person enrollment since November. Presently, the elementary schools have had a majority of students in classrooms each day. I want to credit the hard work of the school teachers, staff, administration and family liaisons who have reached out to families assuring them of a safe environment for their children, both at the elementary and secondary levels.

At the secondary level, the hybrid learning model will be eliminated after spring break. The hybrid system we have used had students attending in-person two days a week, with Wednesday as a remote learning day for all students. It is important to note that when we return to school, we will no longer hold remote learning on Wednesdays, except for those who have elected to continue all-remote learning until the end of the school year. Wednesday early release also still applies to the schedule. If you have any questions about these changes or any aspect of school, you can reach us during the week of spring break at help@southbridgepublic.org or ayuda@southbridgepublic.org.

Third quarter report cards for grades six through twelve will be posted in the Aspen Family Portal by the end of the day. I encourage you to review your student's progress and to reach out to staff at the schools with any questions or concerns. In the Aspen Family Portal and on our website, you will also see reminders to complete our annual Culture and Climate survey, which has been sent to families through email. If you don't have a link to the survey, please reach out to jbouckaert@southbridgepublic.org. The survey only takes about ten to fifteen minutes to complete and it is an important part of our understanding of the culture and climate in schools and of our progress.

If you are traveling during spring break, I would encourage you to review updates to the [Massachusetts COVID-19 travel order](#). While restrictions have been relaxed, some travel will still result in a mandatory quarantine or negative COVID-19 test.

I hope you have a restful and safe week off. As always, you can send questions about any aspect of school to help@southbridgepublic.org or ayuda@southbridgepublic.org.

Regards,

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