

May 20, 2020

Dear Haldane Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Attached you will find a revised 2019-2020 School Calendar, adopted by the Board of Education last night. Please note that the last day of school for students this year will be Friday, June 12.

As you recall, Governor Cuomo issued an executive order at the end of March directing school districts to forgo scheduled breaks in order to provide continued instruction for students. As a result of this order Haldane did not observe a Spring Recess and two days were removed from the Memorial Day Recess. The decision to end the school year earlier was made in light of these schedule changes and in order to maintain our contractual obligations to our faculty.

Distance Learning Survey for Parents

We recognize and appreciate the hard work that you have put into helping your children navigate distance learning. Your feedback will be a valuable part of our planning process as we prepare for next school year. Please take a moment to complete this survey. It takes less than 5 minutes to complete. We invite you to submit more than once if your opinions vary by grade level.

[Distance Learning Survey](#)

Campus Access

As you are aware, we previously closed our tennis courts and athletic fields for community use. A recent executive order now allows for low-risk, recreational activities to resume. As such, our tennis courts and athletic fields will be reopened with guidelines for use posted at their respective entry points. Use of these spaces is a courtesy to our community. Please help us by following the guidelines that are posted in these areas. If the guidelines are not honored, we will have no choice but to close these areas again.

The playground area and other areas on our campus remain closed.

We will be in touch soon with details regarding student collection of personal items at the school, as well as the return of Chromebooks and textbooks. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact your child's principal.

I wish you an enjoyable long weekend, as we observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 25.

Sincerely,
Phil Benante, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools