



# SUFFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Good evening SPS Parents and Guardians,

After reviewing recent trends in COVID-19 cases across the country this week, as well as, the fact that many of our families have indicated they will be traveling during our vacation, the Suffield Public Schools will be flexing our attendance policy for the week of April 19 – 23. The following flexible options will exist for our Suffield Public Schools families next week:

1. Students can return to in-person learning the week we return from vacation

Or

2. Students can access remote learning for the week we return from vacation without being marked as absent so long as they are engaged in online learning for the week

Due to the complexities of monitoring attendance, developing in-person schedules, and lesson planning, students must maintain their attendance in either of the two options for the entirety of the week. This will be tremendously helpful as we try to manage the flexibility being provided.

All students who are scheduled to return to in-person learning will be expected to do so the week of April 26, 2021.

We hope this helps to alleviate some of the concerns that have been expressed about returning to in-person learning following the vacation.

Enjoy the remainder of the vacation.

Sincerely,

Tim

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