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Dear Seaford Families,

I continue to wish you and your families well and I hope that you are enjoying this beautiful weekend. Over the last few days, I have been communicating with legal counsel regarding our school calendar for the remainder of the year. As of now, Governor Cuomo has not given guidance as to whether it is permissible to move vacation days to the end of the year without jeopardizing our state aid. Please know, that it is the full intent of the Board of Education and Central Office to make the adjustment as soon as we are permitted.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to use May 22, 2020, as a vacation day and we will only be closed on May 25,2020. Our attorneys have advised us that. "Executive Order 202.29 provides for the continuation of certain prior Executive Orders. In particular, new Executive Order 202.29 continues prior Executive Order 202.18 in full force and effect and affirms that Executive Order 202.18 is to remain in effect through June 6, 2020 until June 7, 2020. Executive Order 202.18, which we have addressed in earlier opinion letters, articulates the directive to provide distance learning during any period of school closure."

I understand that this information is disappointing, and I wish that I had better news regarding this Memorial Day weekend. Please be assured that as soon as we can, allowable changes will be made to the school calendar.

Thank you for your tremendous efforts in supporting your children's learning and collaborating regularly with our teachers. Given the varying circumstances affecting families, I know that it is not easy. In these challenging and stressful times, you have stayed Seaford Strong and your partnership is appreciated!

Yours in Seaford Pride,

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