Monday Memo

From Supt. Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams
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Important links:
- Hybrid Learning and COVID-19 Information Center
- A/B Day Calendar + Cohort Rotations + Saliva Testing Dates
- COVID-19 dashboard

Reminder: Remote learning for ALL students on Monday, March 15
Athletics activities scheduled for March 15 will still take place.

Deadline for remote students who want to opt into hybrid classes: Monday, March 15, 5 p.m.
As we shared with you last week, due to lower-than-expected in-person attendance from hybrid students, we are looking at ways we can bring more students into the building more often.

- **Current REMOTE-ONLY students** who are interested in attending on-site classes IF a slot becomes available should [complete this form](#) by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 15.
- **Any HYBRID student** who has not previously attended in person must attend with their cohort by this Friday, March 12. Hybrid students who do not attend by this date will be switched to remote-only for the rest of the semester.

Clarification about positive saliva screener results
On Friday we sent you an email regarding the number of students and staff currently excluded from being on site due to COVID-19 results or potential exposure. Several parents sent follow-up emails wondering why the number of positive saliva screeners was zero—did that mean that our saliva testing isn’t working?

To clarify: Once a student or staff member with a positive saliva screener has received a positive diagnosis via PCR test, they are removed from the category **Positive Saliva Screener** and added to the category **Positive COVID Test or Diagnosis**. When we sent our update on Friday, all positive saliva screeners had been confirmed via diagnostic test, so the category stood at zero for that day. We have indeed caught several positive cases via the saliva screener; other positive cases have been diagnosed after someone failed the symptom screener or after they were feeling unwell and went on their own for a test.

We report out on every batch of saliva samples that we send to the lab. To see the results, please visit our [COVID-19 dashboard](#) and see the chart called [Saliva Screener Submission Totals](#).

New Thoughtexchange open through Monday, March 15
There is no doubt that this has been a challenging year in education. What have we learned this year that should guide our planning for the next school year and beyond, even after we return to full in-person learning? We want to hear your thoughts! Please [click here](#) to participate in our latest Thoughtexchange.

Adaptive pause after spring break
Anticipating that many in our school community will be traveling during spring break, **ALL STUDENTS** will be in remote learning Monday, April 5, through Friday, April 9. We will resume hybrid classes on Monday, April 12.
Semester 2 final exams replaced with regular attendance days
There will be no final exams given at the end of second semester this year. Instead, we are implementing Bridge Week, a new way to end the second semester that allows a greater level of flexibility for teachers and staff to address the individual needs of students in ways a traditional finals week does not. The days identified in our calendar for semester 2 final exams will remain attendance days for all. Please stay tuned for further updates.