

**MAINE SCHOOL** Castle Hill - Chapman - Mapleton - Presque Isle - Westfield  
**ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 1**

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Dear MSAD #1 Students, Parents, and Staff:

I'm writing to make the MSAD #1 community aware of recent changes made to the 2020-21 academic calendar. Last evening the MSAD #1 Board of Directors approved three revisions to the MSAD #1 School Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. The revisions were made in an effort to provide more time for teachers to plan to meet the needs of their students.

This year, teachers have been tasked with a challenging job. They have been asked to simultaneously meet the needs of students who are in the classroom every day as well as students who are learning remotely. This practice is new to all of our teachers, and they would benefit from the additional time to plan and work on the technology to support remote learning. In an effort to provide more time for our teachers to prepare, we have designated the following school days as early release days where students will be dismissed at 11:30:

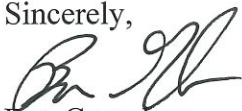
**Friday, March 5**  
**Friday, May 7**  
**Friday, June 4**

\* Each parent will be emailed an updated school calendar to reflect these changes.

I do not anticipate any additional revisions to the 2020-21 academic calendar the remainder of the school year. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility during these challenging times.

Best wishes and good health to you all.

Sincerely,



Ben Greenlaw  
Superintendent