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Dear Parent/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. As you know, the district surveyed parents and guardians on the length of the academic day. The district has reviewed the results and modified the daily schedule in grades K-4 with a tentative effective date of Monday, October 19, 2020. We will do this, while maintaining the integrity of instruction and the developmental and social/emotional needs of elementary school students.

To that end, the current full day of remote instruction will be modified to accommodate for an **abbreviated schedule** during remote instruction which will allow students to follow their current full day schedule in a shortened time between 8:35 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. This abbreviated schedule will run Monday through **Friday**. Below is a sample schedule of what the abbreviated day will look like.

Period	Time	Minutes
Staff Arrival	8:25 a.m.	10
Student Arrival	8:35 a.m.	N/A
AM HR /responsive classroom morning meeting	8:35 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	10
1	8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	30
2	9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	30
3	9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	30
4	10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	30
5	10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	30
Lunch	11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	45
6	12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	30
7	12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	30
8	1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	30
Student Dismissal	1:30 p.m.	

Any parent who would like their child to attend a full day of instruction until 3:00 p.m. will have the option to opt

in for an **extended academic day** which will run from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. **Monday through Thursday**. During this time, students will receive additional instruction in Mathematics and Language Arts (ELA), Enrichment Classes and Social Emotional Learning (SEL). **On Fridays, all students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m.** so that teachers can receive professional development on best instructional practices. This new schedule will tentatively become effective on Monday, October 19, 2020

Depending on the enrollment in the extended academic school day, your child may have the opportunity to receive instruction from teachers other than their homeroom teacher. Please see below a sample schedule for the extended academic school day.

Period	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday
9	1:30- 2:15	Math Reading Writing	Math, Reading or Writing	Math, Reading or Writing	Math, Reading or Writing	No Extended School Day
10	2:15 - 3:00	Enrichment	Enrichment	Enrichment	Enrichment	

To ensure that we are able to plan accordingly in preparation for the abbreviated and extended academic school day, we are asking that ALL parents participate in a new school-based survey for each of their children. Please note that changes of schedule between the abbreviated day and the extended day will only be possible at the end of each marking period. No changes can take place in the middle of a marking period. Should you have questions about changing schedules, please contact your school principal.

Parents need to select one of the following options for each child:

Option A: Your child will finish his/her school day at 1:30 p.m. **Monday through Friday**.

OR

Option B: Your child will finish his/her school day at 3:00 p.m. **Monday through Thursday**. (On Friday students' academic day would end at 1:30 p.m. as per abbreviated academic schedule).

The survey can be found below, please click the link for the school that your child attends. Please complete a survey for each child by the end of the day **Tuesday October 13th, 2020**.

- [Anthony V. Ceres School](#)
- [Dual Language School \(Grade 4 Only\)](#)
- [Edward J. Patten School](#)
- [Dr. Herbert N. Richardson School](#)
- [James J. Flynn School](#)
- [Rose M. Lopez School](#)
- [Robert N. Wilentz School](#)

Should you have any questions please contact me at vivirodriguez@paps.net or your school principal. ([Click here for principal contact information](#))

We thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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