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Dear Colts Neck Township Schools Parent/Guardian,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying some of the most recent spring-like weather. I am writing to inform you of a necessary change to our current 2023-2024 School Calendar and the reason for this necessary change.

The current 2023-2024 school calendar is being amended to reflect the following changes:

- Thursday, March 28, 2024 FULL DAY FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
- Friday, March 29, 2024 SHORT SESSION DAY FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

**<u>Reason for this change</u>**: On February 13, 2024, the district was closed as a result of inclement weather. The closing of school on February 13, 2024 was the third day this school year that the district closed for emergent reasons. Having only two emergency closing days built into the current 23-24 school calendar, it is necessary for students and staff to "make up" one day of school. That day will be **Friday, March 29, 2024**, which will now be a short session day for students and staff. Additionally, the short session day originally scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2024, will now be a full day of school for students and staff.

With four more months to go before the end of the school year, an additional change to the 23-24 school calendar will be made *only if it becomes necessary* to do so. If it becomes necessary to close schools again for inclement weather or other emergent circumstances on or before April 15, 2024, the district will add a fourth "make up" day as follows:

## • Monday, April 22, 2024 - SHORT SESSION DAY FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF (ONLY IF NEEDED)

If this change is implemented, the district will still remain closed, as originally scheduled, on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Any days that need to be made up after Monday, April 15, 2024 will be added to the end of the school year.

The changes described in this letter to the current 23-24 School Calendar require approval by the Board of Education. Changes will be recommended at the March 13, 2024 Board of Education meeting. All changes must continue to meet the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9 and terms of Colts Neck Township Board of Education employment contracts.

As always, I sincerely thank you for your anticipated cooperation and partnership as we implement this change to the 23-24 School Calendar. As always, as we approach these dates, the district will communicate reminders to parents/guardians.

Sincerely, MaryJane Garibay, Superintendent of Schools