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Dear Pearl River School Community,

I hope that everyone is doing well as we continue our journey through this crisis. In this letter I want to indicate when Pearl River's remote learning will end for the summer.

Our remote learning experience will have spanned four months by the time it ends, and is now in its 47th day. As the school year is coming to an end, in a manner that is far from what any of us envisioned a few months ago, I want to acknowledge what has been accomplished. We have had to learn a great deal in a relatively short period of time about how to continue to work and learn remotely. I appreciate how difficult this has been, and also how well our students and staff have risen to meet the challenges. I also appreciate how hard this has been for all of our families as they also had to continue with their own work, while supporting and guiding children through this crisis.

At the next Board of Education meeting I will recommend a revision to this year's school calendar that will end the school year for students and staff on June 16th. This action is possible due to the cancellation of the 2020 Regents Exams by NYSED. Since we did not have a spring break and today is an instructional day and not a "snow day", we will be ending our school year on June 16th for remote instruction. Although this will mark the end of the official school year and our remote learning, we will have a number of school events that take place in June after June 16th. School communities will receive communication from their principals regarding graduation, awards ceremonies, and moving-up ceremonies.

I sincerely hope you are able to enjoy the long Memorial Day weekend by relaxing and enjoying the time with your family.

Sincerely,

