



Update from the Superintendent

To: Parents and Guardians

From: Mark McQueen, Superintendent

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If you have Bay District Schools students or team members in your homes, I probably don't need to remind you that we're approaching our much-anticipated Spring Break scheduled for March 18-22. As we embark on this upcoming break, I'd like to take a moment to share some thoughts with you regarding the significance of this time for both our students and our dedicated Team of Teams members.

Spring Break offers students and families a valuable opportunity to recharge, reconnect, and reflect on the achievements and challenges of the school year so far. I encourage you to make the most of this time together, fostering a restful atmosphere that promotes well-being and relaxation for your children.

Our 3,500-strong BDS Team of Teams members have worked tirelessly this year to ensure a nurturing and engaging learning environment for our students. Their dedication to the success of every child in our district is commendable. Spring Break also provides them a well-deserved reset and an opportunity to spend quality time with their families. We appreciate their commitment and recognize the importance of work-life balance.

I want to emphasize the critical role that regular school attendance plays in our students' academic success. The statewide mandated testing windows begin after Spring Break and extend until the end of the school year. Consistent, on-time attendance is essential for effective learning and success on these assessments. During these final months, students solidify their understanding of crucial concepts and skills, setting the stage for a successful academic future.

As we continue our #MarchIntoSuccess attendance campaign, I kindly urge you to join us in promoting the importance of regular, on-time attendance. Please make every effort to ensure your students are on time and present every day for the remainder of the school year. This commitment enhances their learning experience and contributes to a positive school culture, ultimately achieving successful outcomes for your students.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in our students' education. Together, we can significantly impact their success. I wish you and your family a joyful, safe and rejuvenating Spring Break!