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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In an effort to combat increased workloads, increased student discipline issues, staff picking up extra responsibilities due to a lack of substitutes in many areas, and an increase in stress and anxiety for students and staff, the last day for students before Christmas break will now be December 17th with a normal dismissal time. December 20-22 will be utilized by district staff to meet collaboratively, plan and prepare instructions and interventions for second semester, participate in professional development that will increase the utilization of new and existing resources, and participate in some wellness activities. Students need time to recharge. Our staff has put forth a monumental effort during this challenging year and they need additional time to recharge and de-stress as well. These additional days off for students will put us in line with a typical year's Christmas vacation for students. Thanks for understanding the needs of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel Mengerink". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Joel Mengerink
Superintendent