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Dear Members of the Herricks School Community,

As you may recall, Governor Cuomo required all schools in New York State to continue to provide remote learning to students throughout the scheduled April spring break. As a result, we will be revising our last day of school for both students and teachers. The last day of remote learning will be on **Wednesday, June 17**. This calendar adjustment results in the same number of school days for the school year as we have had in the past, which is above the minimum 180 day state requirement.

All registered voters will be receiving a ballot for our annual school budget vote in the mail this year, along with a postage-paid return envelope. The budget vote, which is typically held on the third Tuesday in May, was rescheduled by Governor Cuomo for Tuesday, June 9. All voting will be conducted by mail-in ballot. **Ballots must be mailed back and received by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 9.** The proposed budget preserves and supports all of our academic, athletic and extracurricular programs, while remaining within our allowable property tax levy limit. It maintains Board of Education class size guidelines and sustains Academic Intervention Services, required English as a new language programs, enhanced health and safety services, social-emotional learning programs, and opportunities for all learners. In addition, the budget provides for much needed instructional technology upgrades, including the installation of a new wide-area network for all of our schools. Specific highlights and more information about the 2020-21 school budget can be found in the special budget edition of our *Dateline Newsletter*, which can be found at the link [here](#). Please remember to vote.

I hope that you have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Regards,

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