



March 20, 2024

Dear Mary Cariola Families,

Please be aware that there has been a change to the school calendar.

Creating a perfect calendar while coordinating with over 50 school districts is difficult. We are required to have at least 180 school days when instructional days and four conference days are combined. Additionally, we build several emergency days into the calendar for use as challenges appear. We have such a challenge now.

After this year's calendar was issued, the news about traffic jams caused by the many visitors expected in Rochester for the solar eclipse was released. Many districts closed schools because of this. As the superintendent, I tried to respond to that by holding school on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Now I have learned that the vast majority of school districts are also deciding to remain closed with all their staff off on March 29<sup>th</sup>. So, another calendar change is necessary.

All Mary Cariola School sites will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2024 as was shown on the original calendar. We will also be closed for Spring break on April 1 through 5 as shown on the calendar. As announced earlier, there will be NO SCHOOL for students on Monday April 8, 2024 due to the Solar Eclipse and the expected travelers to the Rochester area.

***This results in schools being closed for 7 consecutive school days -- March 29 through April 8<sup>th</sup>. Schools will reopen on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.***

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine M. Sheffer".

Christine M. Sheffer, Ed. D.

Superintendent