

*Some advantages for ending school for students in grades 1-12 earlier than previously planned:*

*The Remote Learning Period has been a challenging time for families, many of whom are struggling to meet the demands of work and home while supporting remote learning for children and youth.*

*Because New Hampshire citizens are called upon to stay at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, previously scheduled travel plans for spring break will not be possible. Working through the break is a good use of time for all involved.*

*Ending school earlier for all students will allow the District ample time to provide some summer school services for students who need them in June, while teachers and para-educators are still available to assist. Any seniors who need extended timelines to graduate can be afforded them while teachers are still available in June.*

*Extensive moving needs to take place this summer. If the COVID-19 crisis (and remote learning) continues for the remainder of the school year, ending school early will allow more time for teachers and custodians to pack up their classrooms to prepare for moving. If social distancing is still in place at the end of the year, small groups of teachers (in classrooms not located near each other) will need to be scheduled to pack up their classrooms. This would take much longer than if all teachers were working simultaneously.*

*In addition to supporting students who still need it, there is much collaborative work that teachers and para-educators can accomplish in June, including curriculum work, further development of rubrics, common summative assessments, etc. The time would be used well for the betterment of education in the District.*