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Dear CCLCS Guardians,

We are excited to share an upcoming potential change to our school schedule for the next academic year (SY25/26). After careful consideration and feedback from our staff, we are exploring the possibility of transitioning from a monthly half-day schedule to a bi-weekly early release schedule.

What would Change?

- **Current Schedule:** This year, our monthly half days fell on the first Wednesday of every month, with an 11:45AM dismissal time.
- **Proposed Schedule:** Next year, with a maximum of 16 early release days, students would be dismissed (almost) every other Wednesday at 1:30PM. As with current half days, lunch would be provided to students on these days.

Benefits of the New Schedule:

- **Enhanced Instructional Time:** The new schedule provides more instructional, in school hours over the course of the year.
- **Additional Student Support:** We aim to offer tutorial sessions until 2:30 PM on early release days, providing students with extra help and support.
- **Curriculum and Project Development:** Teachers will use this time for cross curricular planning, project development, and organizing field trips, ultimately enhancing student learning experiences.
- **Improved Attendance:** We hope to see increased student attendance, as many students currently miss half days due to the early 11:45 AM dismissal.
- **Support for Sports Teams:** Early release days will allow sports teams to travel to farther locations, such as Nantucket, Rising Tide, and Falmouth, without disrupting the entire school day.

We Need Your Input: To ensure a smooth transition, we need to understand your transportation needs for early release days. We are working with the bus company to see if this option can include regular transportation to our current stops. [Please complete the following survey and](#)

[return by April 18th, 2025](#). Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We believe this potential change will benefit our students, teachers, and community as a whole. We will be sure to keep you updated as we continue to explore this option.

Sincerely,

Catherine O'Leary

Executive Director