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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It seems like it was just yesterday that we were opening schools in August for the 2023-2024 school year, and already it's springtime! I know that throughout this school year, your children have had many wonderful learning experiences. Our teachers and staff have done a great job of engaging students at all grade levels in lessons to meet their learning needs and fuel their interests. Students have also participated in many activities to build social consciousness and strategies to work collaboratively with their peers and adults. We are proud to share that we have observed positive school climates in our district schools!

Our students have showcased their talent in so many ways! From competition in the regional spelling bee to performing arts productions, the State basketball tournament, and meeting the weekly expectations of District goals, our kids have brought pride to District 163!

As we look forward to the last quarter of the school year, students will be assessed on their learning progress and achievement in attaining grade-level standards. It is critically important that students are prepared for the next grade level so that each meets the next school year with confidence and success.

We are excited to announce that District 163 will offer an extended-year summer school with new and innovative program offerings to meet the needs of students at all levels. Your child's teacher will reach out to you with an invitation for your child to participate in the program that best meets their learning needs. Any student who is not achieving at grade-level expectations will be required to attend Summer School in order to progress to the next grade level. Please look for more information in your DOJO account after spring break.

We wish all families a wonderful Spring Break and a Happy Easter. Thank you for being a part of the District 163 family! We truly value your partnership in education!

Sincerely,

Joyce Carmine, Ed.D. Interim Superintendent