



December 23, 2020

Dear CTECS staff, families and students,

Season's greetings! As we head into the winter break, I wish you and your family happiness and health. I also hope that this is a time for you to rest and recover. This has been the most challenging half of a school year I have seen in my 23 years in education, and I know that our students, parents and staff members are in need of a well-deserved break. I'll be using the time to reflect on this past year, and practice gratitude for what I have in my life. Despite the year's challenges, let's be thankful.

Please be aware of the following schedule updates for the coming weeks:

- Monday, January 4, is our return from winter break. On this day, all schools will open in phase 3 – distance learning for students. After the Thanksgiving holiday we saw a spike in COVID cases and the number of people who needed to quarantine. In anticipation of a similar occurrence, we will use January 4 to assess staffing levels within our buildings after the holidays.
- We will continue with half-day Wednesday's through March. Students will continue to receive independent work in the afternoons, and teachers will use the time to plan for instructional purposes.

See you in 2021!

Jeff Wihbey, Superintendent of Schools