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Good afternoon students, parents, and staff.

At Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, I shared with the Board my ideas for continuing to be prepared for varying community conditions during the 2021-2022 school year. At this point I am confident that we are ready for the school year, and your Cortland staff are ready for your children to return to our classrooms, our studios, our auditorium, gymnasiums, libraries and fields. Let's go 2021-2022!

Please continue to check in on our website and social media for updates as they develop. For now, here are our current calendar reminders:

- September 7 - Professional Development Day - Staff Only, **No Students**
- **September 8 - Classes Begin for all Students!**

One idea that has lingered throughout the summer and has been voiced by various stakeholders is our practice around remote learning. Although our learning model for this year is fully in person, the eventuality for brief shifts to remote learning exists. For that reason we will be implementing two practice remote learning days this fall. In order for families to be prepared for days when all students will be home, I wanted you to be notified as early as possible. Our district-wide practice remote days will be:

- September 27 - Remote Learning Day for all Students: Staff to report to buildings
- November 1 - Remote Learning Day for all Students: Staff to test alternative spaces

I continue to be grateful for all of the effort going into planning for our safe return to school for the 2021-2022 school year. This is truly a community endeavor and your consideration, feedback, and support for our students are what make Cortland truly special.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert J. Edwards'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Robert J. Edwards

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