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Dear Summit Academy Parents and Caregivers,

As I indicated last week, preparations continue for our gradual, grade level by grade level return to five days per week of in-person instruction. We are adhering to all New York State and CDC guidance during this planning process. Last week, our preschool full-day self-contained classrooms moved to four days per week and we are awaiting NYSED approval for the use of additional space in our building to move our integrated preschool classrooms to five days per week.

Please keep in mind, Covid-19 will remain a concern until everyone is fully vaccinated. We continue to encourage our staff to get vaccinated and hope that those of you with children ages 16 and up will get your child vaccinated. In the interim, we may continue to close some classrooms on short notice due to staffing issues.

As I mentioned last week, we will host a series of parent webinars focused on virtual instruction. The first is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., and titled "Virtual Instruction? Tips and Celebrations!" For more information, and to register, [please click here](#).

As a reminder, March 24 is a half day and our Spring Break begins on Friday, April 2. The Centers for Disease Control is encouraging people to "delay travel and stay home to protect yourself and others from Covid-19 even if you are fully-vaccinated." If you are planning to travel, please be cautious. NYS Travel Guidance is changing. Please adhere to the most current updates if you plan to travel. You can find the information [here](#).

Registration is now open for Summit's virtual Autism Walk on May 15-16. I encourage you to participate, choose your own challenge, and "plant your flag" in support of Summit and the children and adults we serve. You can learn more about the Walk at [www.summitwalk.org](http://www.summitwalk.org).

Finally, this week's warmer temperatures were a welcome reminder that spring is just around the corner. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday - don't forget to "spring forward" and turn your clocks ahead one hour.

As always, thank you very much for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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