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To Our UCSD Community,

As we approach Spring Break, I want to remind you that our schools will be closed from Friday, April 19, through Friday, April 26, 2024. I hope everyone takes this time to relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy quality moments with loved ones.

We also want to take a moment to reflect on recent tragic events, and with heavy hearts, we send our deepest sympathies to our neighbors in the Syracuse community following the loss of two honorable law enforcement officers, Syracuse Police Officer Michael E. Jensen and Onondaga County Sheriff's Lt. Michael Hoosock, who tragically died in the line of duty over the weekend. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families, friends, colleagues, and all who have been impacted during this incredibly difficult time.

In recognition of their sacrifice and to demonstrate our unwavering support for our law enforcement colleagues, we are encouraging all members of our school district and community to wear blue on Thursday, April 18, 2024. This act is a powerful symbol of our collective support and sends a clear message that our officers are not alone as we all strive for peace and unity in these challenging times.

In these times of unrest, both within our community and across the globe, our commitment to fostering a safe and supportive environment is more crucial than ever. We are reminded of the transformative power of community and unity in overcoming adversity. As we step into Spring Break, let it be a period of rest, profound healing, and reflection. Let us all embrace a spirit of peace, compassion, and resilience, striving to create a community where all can thrive. May this time inspire us to renew our commitment to each other and the principles of kindness and understanding that bind us together.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Wishing you a restful Spring Break.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathleen Davis
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