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"Learning for All"

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Dear Springfield Staff, Parents, and Students,

Hope you are doing well.

This letter is to inform you in advance regarding the possibility of a snow make up day on Monday, February 18, 2019 or President's Day.

If the school district has to close school for two more full school days prior to President's Day, then school will be in session on Monday, February 18, 2019(President's Day) as a student make-up day. Preschool will also be available for students that day. The forecast for Thursday, Feb. 7 and Friday, Feb 8th looks ominous, but we will see what mother nature brings. If a 3-hour late start would be necessary to allow us to have school, we would utilize that option vs. missing a full day of school.

To date, there have been three school days missed due to inclement weather. Two days were made up via our digital day program and one by staff only. The next missed school day will be made up as a digital day. However, if we were to miss another school day after that, then that day would be made up by students and staff at school on President's day. Currently, the district practice is to utilize up to 3 digital learning days as instructional days due to inclement weather. State statute now allows schools to implement 5 digital days to count as instructional days and we are reviewing our practice of utilizing up to 3 days.

The amount of weather related closings we have had the past two weeks has been quite disruptive for all. I realize bringing back days off for make-up snow days is never a popular decision. It seems these past few weeks will leave students with a need for more structure and routine vs. days off.

I understand that some families may have arranged plans for President's Day weekend, the school will accommodate any previous commitments that your family may have planned for this day and are not expecting parents to deviate from them.

The recent weather has been menacing to say the least. I greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through this Minnesota winter. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Keith Kottke
Superintendent