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Good morning,

Well, it seems that winter has arrived! I was hoping for a "brown winter" with no interruptions in the school calendar (other than a tournament day!).

Oh, well . . .

Therefore, I have decided, after consultation with bargaining unit leadership, to schedule Monday, February 18, 2019 (President's Day) as a "school make up day" due to the "snow day" we missed on Friday, January 18, 2019.

We realize that this may inconvenience some who have scheduled vacation time, etc. for President's Day. And, we regret that, should this be your situation, you will have to take a personal day (or, a pay deduct) if you miss February 18, 2019.

Normally, we build in TWO snow days into our annual calendar, and we did so this year, but we also decided to end school early (Tuesday, May 21, 2019) to accommodate our building construction schedule.

I am not sure what course of action we will take should another day of school be missed due to a weather situation. It is possible we could take any number of actions to make up student minutes including:

1. Choose another currently unscheduled student day in the calendar to hold school should another snow day happen (i.e. Friday, March 22, Monday, April 22, Friday, April 19).

2. Add a day to the end of the school year. For example:

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 . . . or

Thursday, May 23, 2019 . . . or

Friday, May 24, 2019 . . . or

Note: Holding school after Memorial Day (Monday, May 27, 2019) is possible, but we wish not to do this so that the building project can begin.

3. Make each school day longer by adding minutes (i.e. 15 minutes) to each day between now and the end of the school year. Years ago, we added @ 30 minutes to each day with unfavorable results.

4. Do nothing, because we still have "minutes to use" before we are required to make up time, and hope that no more snow events occur between now and the end of the school year. We will do a minute assessment of the school year in the days ahead to see where we stand.

We will keep all of these "make up day" options in mind as the days and weeks unfold.

Should you have any questions about this feel free to contact me.

Thanks

Bill