

December 15, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As of now, there is a winter storm warning from Wednesday, December 16th through Thursday morning December 17th.

Wednesday, December 16th will be a **virtual learning day for ALL students**. In addition, our transportation department will not be undertaking any runs on this date. Your child's principal and/or teachers will be in touch with specific expectations and assignments for Wednesday, December 16.

Our hybrid schedule and multiple bus runs mean that inclement weather days will be handled somewhat differently than in prior years. First, we will be making decisions the day/night before based on the forecast, allowing our families, teachers, and staff more time to adjust. Secondly, due to our non-traditional school schedules, trying to coordinate an early dismissal or a late arrival could lead to a lost day of instruction for both our virtual and in-person learning students.

Making decisions based on forecasts that may never materialize can prove to be frustrating and disruptive for all of us. In a pre-COVID world, we would not be making any decision until we actually saw the snow and had a stronger sense of its potential impact. However, deciding at 5 a.m. does not allow enough time for our families and teachers to prepare for a day of virtual learning. Deciding in advance enables us to preserve inclement weather days and continue student learning no matter how the storm actually materializes.

We will let you know Wednesday afternoon/evening (Dec. 16) if we are planning a change to our instructional day for Thursday, December 17th. We are fortunate that we have access to the devices and web tools that make virtual learning possible. However, we also recognize that a traditional snow day could provide a welcome break for our students, staff, and community. It will depend upon the most updated forecast. It's possible that we will hold another virtual day or experience a good old fashioned snow day. I know what I am hoping for!

Sincerely,
Maureen Reusche, Ed.D.
Superintendent