

Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District

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Dear HWRSD Families,

I am writing today to make you aware of a change in the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District 2017-2018 school calendar. At their meeting on January 18, 2018, the School Committee approved a plan to alter the current schedule for **Friday, March 16, 2018**.

In the original 2017-2018 school calendar, March 16th was scheduled to be a full Inservice Day for staff professional learning and a no-school day for students. In light of school cancellation days to date, March 16, 2018, will now be an Early Release Day for students in all HWRSD schools.

Given the opportunity to amend the current calendar, our administrative team felt this half day recovery of instructional time has greater value in the month of March, as opposed to adding the days and extending the school year longer into the month of June. We are also balancing this need with our ongoing professional learning for staff.

We understand that the school calendar published in advance helps families plan, but our consideration of the extended school year and the unknown weather in the coming months prompted us to make this change.

We hope you appreciate that this calendar adjustment is what we believe to be in the best interest of the HWRSD students and staff.

Sincerely,


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