

February 8, 2019

Dear Grandville Public Schools Parents and Staff:

What a crazy winter it has been thus far. With today's closing, we are at eleven canceled days of school. We are allotted six forgiven days from the State of Michigan. We can request a waiver for an additional three days from the State Superintendent.

This has truly been an unprecedented year of inclement weather! School districts across Michigan are appealing for legislative action to forgive the additional canceled days. Legislative action with Governor Whitmer's approval is the only option to forgive these days without penalty to districts. I encourage you, if comfortable, to reach out to some key legislators. Their contact information is listed below.

Safety is always our number one priority when it comes to our students, our staff, and our community as a whole. Second to that is the importance of quality instructional time. I know our staff is incredible and they will provide optimal learning for our students adjusting their lessons and planning for the remainder of the year. Students will have the learning opportunities needed no matter what time frame or number of days. They are simply the best at what they do!

We will continue with our half-day professional learning days as they are planned. They do count as instructional days for the state's requirements. We will continue to have the scheduled mid-winter break day off on February 18 as many have three-day trips and family activities paid for and scheduled that they cannot get out of this late in the winter.

At this time, what I am asking parents and staff to do is to earmark June 3 – June 7 as potential days of instruction should the waiver not be granted and the legislation not grant us additional forgiven days. I will keep you informed regarding our waiver request and our plea to the State of Michigan for additional assistance.

We still have the month of February and probably beyond to see where our total amount of inclement weather days concludes. We may need to schedule days even if we get the waiver and the State of Michigan grants us days.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to experience a very unusual winter!

Thank You,

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Some Key Legislators to contact:

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