



LINDEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I wanted to take a minute to keep you updated on our current "snow day" situation and communicate our snow day make-up plan. As of March 7, 2019, Linden Community Schools has canceled school 13 times for conditions (roads, cold temperatures, electrical, ice, etc.) that were determined to be unsafe for our students.

The State allows for six unforgiven days in any given school year. Linden Schools has the option to petition the State for a waiver that would allow for three additional unforgiven days. Our application for the additional three unforgiven days was submitted and has been approved.

With nine days being forgiven, Linden Schools has four instructional days that have to be made up. The decision has been made to add these four days at the end of the current school year. Please keep in mind that if additional days of school need to be canceled, they will be added to the end of the school year.

June 7...full day of school (this was originally a half day for students)
June 10...full day of school
June 11...full day of school
June 12...full day of school
June 13...half day of school for students

Interim State Superintendent, Sheila Alles, did release a statement regarding the State of Emergency that was issued on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, and the impact it has on schools. The State of Emergency left school cancellation decisions up to the local districts. Meaning, they are not free days off and do count toward the six forgiven days granted by the State. A bill has been introduced in the State Legislature that would address days of school that were canceled during the State of Emergency. Regardless of the outcome of this bill, Linden Schools will remain committed to the addition of four instructional days (June 10, 11, 12 and 13).

Please plan accordingly as these additional days of instruction are important to the educational process of your student. Linden Community Schools is committed to the safety and overall educational process of your student. Thank you for your support!

Yours in education,

Russell Ciesielski