

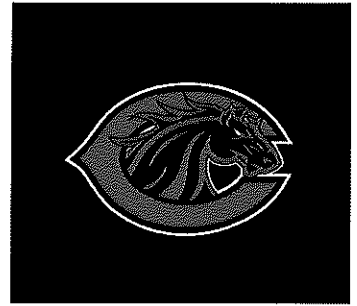
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February 21, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians and Community members:

The winter of 2018-2019 has proven to be very difficult so far with no end in sight! I cannot remember a recent winter when we had to cancel so many days of school. As of today, the district has been closed for twelve days due to inclement weather. Garner has been closed thirteen days, the additional day due to a water main break.

State law requires Michigan students to attend school a minimum of 180 days and 1098 hours. The law permits up to six days to be excused for weather related events or other circumstances beyond the control of the district. In addition, the State Superintendent of Education can approve an additional three days if a district submits a waiver and it is approved. Clio Area Schools submitted the waiver and the additional three days have been granted. As of today, Clio Area Schools needs to make up three days of school (Garner Elementary four days).

We do not have days built into our current calendar that could be used to make up these three days, such as a full day professional development. We have Good Friday and Memorial Day off between now and the last scheduled day of school. I've heard some conversation about eliminating or reducing spring break. Frankly, that is not an option as so many families and employees have already made travel plans. In fact, we have received several calls over the past two months for spring break dates in 2020. The calendar is also a contractual issue and the district cannot unilaterally reduce that break.

The last scheduled student day is currently Friday, June 7, 2019. We plan to add the additional three days the following week, resulting in the last day for students to be on Wednesday, June 12, 2019. There are, however, events that could change this information. If school is canceled for any reason after today, it is possible we would have to extend the student year beyond Wednesday. There is legislation pending in congress to forgive some or all of the days the week of January 28, 2019, when we missed five days and the Governor declared a State of Emergency. I have been advised that we will not know if any or all of those days will be forgiven until mid to late March, 2019.

Accordingly, we are planning to add three additional days to the current calendar. I ask parents to refrain from scheduling vacations during the week of June 10, 2019, and plan to have students in attendance at school through Wednesday, June 12, 2019. I will keep you updated of any changes that would affect this schedule.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fletcher Spears III".

Fletcher Spears III, Superintendent  
Clio Area Schools