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Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Re: Emergency Calendar Days – Snow Days and Virtual School Days

Dear Miller Place School District Community,

As the challenges of 2020 continue, so do the opportunities to attempt to find some level of normalcy and routine for our students, our families, and our school community.

Regarding the traditional snow days, our District does have 2, possibly 3 days built into the current 2020-21 school year calendar even though we delayed the start of the school year by 3 days in September 2020.

The New York State Education Department has established a mechanism that allows school districts to pivot from student in-school learning, to remote (at home) learning, at any time during the school year, including emergency and foul weather days, to allow for continuity of instruction.

Although we expect we will have to pivot from student in-person to remote learning during this school year, there are also traditions and customs that are important to our school community. On a very basic level, taking advantage of the excitement of the first snow of the year may be the opportunity we need to pause, take a breath, and find some level of comfort in ourselves, our children and our families.

As it **appears** a snowstorm is headed our way Wednesday night into and throughout Thursday, you should begin to prepare for a “**traditional snow day**” with schools being closed, no virtual learning, and children being home to enjoy the first snow of this winter season.

Please do not break out the hot chocolate yet, as we will continue to monitor the forecast over the next 24 hours and I will keep you updated accordingly with the usual Connect Ed voice and email messages.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community and for your patience during the last 10 months of constant change and disruption to our lives. It is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you and your families a safe holiday season and a healthy new year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano
Superintendent of Schools