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As shared several weeks ago, the decisions to delay or cancel classes due to weather-related safety concerns helped to keep students and families safe during difficult, if not impossible, driving conditions. In preparing for winter in Wisconsin, we started the year with time built in to allow for several delays and cancellations. However, this winter has been unusual. In order to meet statutory requirements, we are currently making up some of the lost time, and more is now needed.

In February, the Board of Education approved a change to our daily schedule that will make up necessary instructional time as the year continues. The daily schedule change also provided flexibility if an additional day of cancellation was needed before the end of the school year. Further, they carefully considered how to respond to even more cancellations should it become necessary for student safety. We have delayed classes once and closed once since then.

On March 4th, the first part of that plan was implemented. The daily schedule for each building was extended eight minutes to address time already lost and to build in a little extra time. This adjustment will continue to be in place for the remainder of the year.

With additional delays and closures in March, more time is now needed. We will now be implementing the second step in the plan to address lost time. The current April 22nd vacation date is now a regular school day. Attendance and absences will be treated like any other scheduled school day.

Future cancellations would require time to be made up at the end of the school year. This is not yet required. May 30th currently remains the last day of classes for students. Additional cancellations would result in time added to the end of the school year, starting with May 31st with any additional needed days continuing the following week. If that becomes necessary, we will share that as early as possible.

We continue to appreciate your patience and understanding as we wrap up the final weeks of this winter season!

Respectfully,

Ryan Alderson

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