



# Cashton School District

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Between heavy snow, flooding, and a polar vortex, it has been an interesting school year. As you all know, that resulted in a number of full-day or partial cancellations. Although our district calendar and daily schedule are designed to address the realities of Wisconsin winter, this year has been unique. An adjustment is now needed to satisfy the required number of instructional minutes for the year.

The Board of Education approved a change to our daily schedule that will make up necessary instructional time and also provide flexibility if an additional day of cancellation is needed before the end of the school year. Further, they have carefully considered how to respond to even more cancellations should it become necessary for student safety.

First, starting on March 4<sup>th</sup>, the first full week of the month, the daily schedule for each building will be eight minutes longer. Elementary students will attend classes from 8:00 AM – 3:13 PM. Middle and high school students will attend classes from 7:55 AM-3:25 PM. Each of the eight middle and high school class periods will be extended by one minute. This adjustment will continue to meet state requirements for up to one additional closed day or the equivalent amount of time for delays or early releases. After-school study hall and CCLC programs will continue to operate until 4:30 PM.

Second, **if** the district closes for more than one additional day or the equivalent amount of time for delays or early releases, the current April 22<sup>nd</sup> vacation date will become a regular school day. This option is not yet necessary as of today's date. It will be converted if necessary, however, if the combination of cancellations, early releases, and late starts are more than one school day. If this option becomes necessary, it will be communicated widely and as early as possible.

Finally, future cancellations of classes that would total three or more days will require time to be made up at the end of the school year. May 30<sup>th</sup> currently remains the last day of classes for students. If three or more days, or the equivalent in partial days, are canceled, May 31<sup>st</sup> will be added as an instructional day with any additional days continuing the following week. Although this is hopefully unlikely, it is being shared so you may plan accordingly.

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

Respectfully,

Ryan Alderson

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