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Dear CSD Parents and Guardians,

As many approaches in education have been forced to evolve during the pandemic, inclement weather days will also require some modification.

In the past, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, (DESE) has asked districts to build school calendars based on attendance for a minimum of 174 days of instruction. This year, the state has shifted to requiring a minimum of hours of instruction as part of the annual school calendar. Our calendar reflects the minimum requirement plus additional hours for possible snow days during the 2020-2021 school year. To date, we have used two "Snow Days," August 24 and August 25, to provide more Professional Development preparation time for staff. These days will not be required make up days for students or teachers. We currently have four days left, leaving the last day of school slated for May 28, 2021. To include the new changes, we have updated our plan.

Additionally, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, (DESE) is allowing districts to implement an Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Plan to continue learning on what would normally be snow days. At CSD, we are calling these "**Snow Learning - Showing Knowledge with our work**" or Virtual Learning Days. On these days, students and staff would still engage in virtual learning and students would be required to turn in work to denote learning and attendance by the end of day.

We have worked to modify our regular Inclement Weather plan to include access to new adjustments: 1. considerations due to virtual learning offerings 2. **DESE** is allowing districts to implement an Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Plan to continue learning on what would normally be snow days and 3. this year, DESE shifted to requiring a minimum of hours of instruction as opposed to days as part of the annual school calendar.

The CSD Inclement Weather Plan for 2020- 2021

When we encounter our first Inclement weather event, we will designate the first event, (Day 3) as a Snow Day to allow both students and staff to enjoy a real snow day. That would leave three full "Snow Days" remaining on the calendar.

On additional weather event days, (occurrences from 4-9), we will move to the Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Plan or "Virtual Learning Day". We will use the full 6 days of 6 hours of instructions. If and when we use the full 36 hours, we would then move back to "Snow Days", (Occurrences 8-10) and determine the next course of action based on a staff survey to either make up days or add minutes to the day, (for occurrences from 11 or more.)

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- Day 1 -Used
- Day 2 - Used
- Day 3: Snow Day (A Traditional Snow day for students and 10 & 11 month staff)

- Day 4-9 Snow Learning - Showing Knowledge with our work or a Virtual Learning AMI Day (Students and staff will engage in virtual learning. Students would be required to turn in work to denote learning and attendance by the end of day.)
- Day 10-12: Snow Day (Traditional Snow days for students and 10 & 11 month staff.)
- Day 13 and beyond: Snow Make-Up Days (Method to be determined by staff survey)

*If we go beyond the remaining number of additional hours built into our school calendar, we will need to make up the hours by either adding additional minutes to each school day over a period of time or add additional days to the end of our calendar year to add up to the total number of hours needed to make up for the snow days. We will send a survey to CSD staff next semester requesting their preference.

We understand this approach requires several areas to track. To help monitor the updates, we have created a page on our website that reflects how many “Snow Days” we have used and how many “Snow Learning” Virtual days we have used.

You can find that information posted on our website: <https://www.center.k12.mo.us/our-district/news-and-communications/inclement-weather-updates>

Thank you,
Center School District Leadership