

# ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Subject: Winter Weather

Dear Onteora Families,

I wanted to start by apologizing for the very delayed notification of our two hour delay this morning. There was a world-wide issue with Google and it was not possible to begin instruction on time today.

While we had a brief reintroduction to winter weather today, it appears likely that we will have a more significant snow event later this week. In anticipation of this, I wanted to remind everyone that although we are currently operating in a remote learning model, we will continue to utilize our inclement weather days.

We still have students that travel to programs outside of our District, and we are participating in meal delivery and pick up. If we have a snow day on a day that is a meal distribution day, we will distribute meals on the next school day. So if we have a snow day on Thursday, the meal distribution will be on Friday.

We have seven snow days built into our school calendar for the current school year. As you know, the length of our school calendar has not changed due to COVID-19. We will have to either utilize our snow days or return them in the spring. The schedule that dictates how they will be returned is included on the second page of our school calendar that can be found at this link:

[https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1601051625/onteorak12nyus/mggaucjtkacd9hyc8ag/2020-2021CalendarRevised\\_1.pdf](https://resources.finalseite.net/images/v1601051625/onteorak12nyus/mggaucjtkacd9hyc8ag/2020-2021CalendarRevised_1.pdf)

It is our intention to use our emergency days as we have in the past: if there are hazardous conditions, our programs will be closed. **If we are closed, no remote or in-person instruction will take place, and no students will be transported.** If we come to the point where we have used all our emergency closing days, we would then consider pivoting, during an emergency, to remote instruction instead of closing school.

As always, if it is necessary for the district to close due to inclement weather, families and staff will be notified via email, text and/or phone call.

Any changes to our regular schedule will also be posted on the district website, and social media accounts.

I truly appreciate all of our staff and families, especially during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Victoria McLaren  
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