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Arthur R. Culver
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear School District 189 Families,

The wintry weather during the first few weeks of January disrupted our school routines and instructional practices. Prioritizing the safety of our students and staff, we shifted to snow days and eLearning due to persistent icy road conditions within our community. We understand how challenging it was to transition from winter break into a mix of virtual instruction and snow days, and we are incredibly grateful for your patience and flexibility during this time.

To date, we have exhausted all five eLearning days allowed by the Illinois State Board of Education (January 8, 9, 10, 14, and 15). Additionally, we used three emergency days (January 6, 7, and 16) during which school was closed. These three emergency days must now be added back into the calendar as instructional days.

The Board of Education has approved a revised school calendar with the following changes:

- **Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - Student Attendance Day**
- **Wednesday, February 19, 2025 - Student Attendance Day (school dismisses 1 hour early)**
- **Monday, March 3, 2025 (Pulaski Day) - Student Attendance Day**

Please note that these dates, originally designated as non-attendance days, have now been rescheduled as school days. A revised School Year 2024-2025 Calendar is posted on our website (www.estl189.com). This notice is being shared to allow families and staff ample time to plan accordingly.

Using these three make-up days ensures we maximize instructional time before state testing begins and allows us to maintain May 22, 2025 as the anticipated last day of school.

We appreciate your continued understanding and support as we navigate these adjustments. While the weather posed challenges, we remain committed to accelerating learning and helping our students reach their full potential. Our students are bright, resilient, and capable, and together, we will support their success in the months ahead. Thank you for your partnership in your child's education.

Sincerely,
Arthur R. Culver, Superintendent