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To: WASD Community

I am reaching out to the entire school community with important information regarding the use of flexible instruction days (FIDs) during the remaining 25-26 school district calendar.

Each year, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) sets minimum instructional day and hour requirements for Pennsylvania schools. Students in grades K–6 must attend 180 days or 900 hours, while students in grades 7–12 must attend 180 days or 990 hours. Districts must report compliance to PDE, and failure to meet these requirements results in reduced state funding. As a result, districts schedule instructional time beyond the minimum requirement to account for emergency closures.

PDE approved the use of FIDs (on-line learning days) as a way to ensure some continuity of instruction. Although this approach to learning is not a substitute for “in-class” instruction for many students, the use of FIDs allows the educational process to continue outside the classroom.

At this stage, a major snowstorm or multi-day closure could affect our ability to meet requirements and reduce spring break. Therefore, we will use FID days for all emergency closures unless otherwise directed. Staff should prepare students and set expectations. During a FID, students must log in each class and remain online to be counted present.

We understand this expectation may be challenging for some students. Our schools are committed to partnering with families to make FIDs productive and we encourage communication with our staff as we make the best of these academic disruptions.

Best regards,

Dr. Harrison Bailey III
WASD Superintendent

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Bailey III', is written over the typed name of the superintendent. The signature is fluid and cursive.