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Dear East Knox Families,

We want to provide an update on our district's standing regarding the state-mandated instructional hours for the 2025-2026 school year.

Current Instructional Standings

Under Ohio Revised Code 3313.48, schools are required to meet a minimum of **910 hours** for grades K-6 and **1,001 hours** for grades 7-12. As of today, our progress is as follows:

- **Junior/Senior High:** We have completed **571 hours** of instruction.
- **Elementary:** We have completed **548 hours** of instruction.

These totals already account for the **64 hours** (HS) and **62 hours** (Elem) lost to calamity days earlier this winter. Additionally, the state grants us credit for two professional development days and two parent-teacher conference days, which further strengthens our standing.

Projections for the Remainder of the Year

With **75 days of school remaining**, we are on track to exceed the state's requirements comfortably:

- **Junior/Senior High (6.25 hrs/day):** We have a remaining "cushion" of approximately **63.75 hours**, which is equivalent to about **10 additional calamity days**.
- **Elementary (6.0 hrs/day):** We have a remaining "cushion" of approximately **112 hours**, which is equivalent to about **18 additional calamity days**.
- **Seniors:** Seniors are scheduled to complete the year early, we will have to address options on the calendar for seniors if the cushion continues to close.

Moving Forward

Because of the proactive way the East Knox School Calendar is structured, we do not currently anticipate needing to add makeup days or extend the school year. We will continue to monitor our hours through the spring and will notify you immediately if any significant weather patterns require a change to this outlook.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Baird, Superintendent