

DECEMBER SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

As we experience the cold weather, thoughts turn more often to snow. “Snow day” calls are generally made very early in the morning on the day of a storm. I realize that calling for a delay, early dismissal, or cancelling school due to weather impacts families. This year I may also utilize an early dismissal, one hour earlier than our typical early dismissal schedule, if the forecast for weather would impact our typical early dismissal time. We, unfortunately, experienced this schedule once due to heat. While I believe that our students are better off being in school, my first priority is to the safety of our students and staff. I consider multiple factors when making the decision about school and “snow days” including the road conditions, the forecast, and building/parking lot conditions. I respect that, at times, you may disagree with my decision. In those cases, I encourage you to make the decision you feel is best for your child. I hope this helps explain some of the process used in making these decisions. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support during these winter months.

I also want to thank families for your flexibility in regard to parent/teacher conferences. The weather didn't cooperate with us for our regularly scheduled conference times, but we want to provide the opportunity for families to meet with their child's teacher.

You will begin receiving information through newsletters, the parent portal, and automated messages about two important bodies of work in the district – our creation of a Portrait of the

Graduate and our work in creating a Standards Based Report Card. Building administrators will be sharing more information with you in the coming months. At times, your input will be requested. I hope you will be able to provide feedback for us at those times to help us move the work forward. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

I wish everyone health and happiness during this special, holiday time of year.

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