

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Attention BMS Families:

It appears we will be navigating more tricky weather patterns again this week... Yesterday, I requested that teachers across both buildings prepare for at least 3 days of possible home learning - virtual and/or paper form, in case we have any cancellations over the next few days. As I shared with staff last week, my goal is to strike a healthy balance between traditional snow days and set virtual learning days - ensuring that we keep moving forward but do not overwhelm students and families with excessive online learning in an already challenging season. I do not want us to always go the virtual route now just because we can. Additionally, I do not want us to have to tack on too much time at the end of the school year beyond our built-in days and flex hours.

That being said, while we currently are not planning to add any additional days to the end of the school year with where we currently stand, I would like to work toward no time loss this week if we see cancellations. Students were prepped by their teachers yesterday, and expectations for any distance learning due to weather have been established. Hopefully, we will continue to see a few delays like today and can adjust accordingly, but I wanted us to be prepared ahead of time knowing the projected forecast. Right now, it doesn't look quite as bad as it did yesterday.

Thank you for your time and cooperation as we aim to keep our students on track!

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