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CASD Families:

I hope this finds you well and that you had a great break spending cherished time with your friends and loved ones. The purpose of this communication is to share our plan for emergency or inclement weather days during the 2021-22 school year as it is not a matter of if but when we will experience weather that could impact in-person learning.

Earlier this Fall, the Board of School Directors authorized CASD to plan for "Flexible Instruction Days" (FID) that allow students and staff to work remotely during emergency or inclement weather days. These days count as school days and will avoid the district having to rely on snow make up days during the Spring. We planned for five (5) FID days for the 2021-22 school year. As a result of the devastating floods, we experienced in early September and the school safety threat in October, we have used three (3) FID days so far. The Board also approved our Emergency Instructional Time Template (per section 520.1 of the PA School Code) for the 2021-2022 school year which provides the CASD flexibility in instructional delivery through a combination of in-person and remote instruction.

As you may recall, last year, we provided for early dismissals during inclement weather days so students and families could enjoy part of a snow day. We will continue the same tradition this year as we received positive feedback regarding this approach. The administrative team has created the following plan for inclement weather:

- **The first two (2) emergency/inclement weather days will be held as abbreviated FID days.** Once the district exhausts FID days, we will use Emergency Instructional Time days for any additional emergency/inclement weather days and will follow **the abbreviated schedule.**
 - During FID and Emergency Instructional days, students and staff will operate on a two-hour early-dismissal schedule.
 - Students will attend classes virtually and will then have the remainder of the school day to enjoy themselves.
 - Teachers will start each class on Zoom followed by synchronous and asynchronous to balance screen time.
 - Teachers will be available for the entire school day to provide academic support to their students.
- If weather conditions interfere with access to virtual classes, we may have to adjust to a full day closure or snow day in which all classes would be cancelled. If this were to occur, we would have to rely on make-up days as outlined in the [district calendar](#).
- If your child cannot participate in the virtual day for any reason, please follow the district's [attendance policy](#), including emailing your child's attendance office about the absence. If the school is not notified, the student will be assessed an unexcused absence. Please be reminded in the event of an absence, students are expected to work with teachers to make up missed assignments.
- As we have directed in the past, students/staff are to take their technology device home each day.

We hope this plan provides an opportunity for students to engage in learning while enjoying part of a snow day. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your school principal.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and the district. Be safe and have a great year!

Sincerely,
Tomás Hanna
Superintendent

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