

Bluffs and Winchester School Community

As we enter the winter season, we have developed a plan to address inclement weather conditions which traditionally have resulted in “snow days”. The current pandemic has provided our districts with the resources and opportunities to provide our students with a remote learning experience that we have implemented a few times already this school year.

We plan to utilize these remote learning days when we experience inclement weather. In order for this plan to be successful we would need to make a determination the preceding day in order for devices (for most students) and work packets (for our youngest students) to be sent home. While we can plan accordingly, there may also be situations where we simply have to cancel the school day.

Our rationale for using these remote learning days is two fold. We have successfully implemented remote learning for all students already this school year and we want to provide continuity and consistency with our approved school calendar. What this means is that if we are able to schedule remote learning days and not close school (use emergency day) our school calendar remains intact without making changes to the already scheduled days off or breaks. For example, if we had snow today and closed school we would modify the school calendar to be in session on the first emergency day (MLK Day). During this pandemic we understand that parents want and need the consistency of a schedule in order for their family to prepare each week. We hope this helps our families and community.

Our expectation during these remote learning days will be the same as all other days - teaching, learning, and interactions will take place. The remote learning day schedule will be similar to the schedule students are used to. We will provide more information on schedules as we progress. We will not provide breakfast or lunch on these inclement weather learning days.

We believe this plan provides for the best continuity of learning of all of our students. We will continue to monitor the success and challenges of implementing this plan and make changes as needed. If you have any questions, please contact your building administrator.