



School District of Manawa

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The School District of Manawa WILL HAVE SCHOOL on Friday, March 1 to make-up snow day #6.

The Board of Education approved a snow day make-up plan that is intended to maximize student learning while minimizing disruptions to family life. There is a plan should there be more inclement weather days this year. The plan is as follows:

- Inclement Weather **Day 7** – Use instructional minutes built into daily schedules.
- Inclement Weather **Day 8** – Monday, April 22 will become a student instruction day.
- Inclement Weather **Day 9 and beyond** – Request Board of Education to excuse any make-up requirements. Contact DPI for an exemption.
- **Late Start/Early Dismissal** - Use instructional minutes built into daily schedules.

We understand that families may have made plans already for the days listed above. If your student will not be attending school on those days, please notify your child’s school so we know they are safe with you. It is important to know that if your child is not able to attend on a snow make-up day, they will be marked as EXCUSED WEATHER-RELATED ABSENCES so the days will not count towards his/her total days absent for truancy purposes.

We also know that this change greatly affects families and staff, so your support of this decision is truly appreciated.

Some may wonder about using Early Release Wednesdays in exchange for instructional minutes. Altering Wednesday schedules would disrupt district-wide bussing and would impact the school day for our partner school, St. Paul Lutheran. Plus, the professional work that teachers do on Wednesday is invaluable in preparing instruction for students.

Thank you for everyone’s understanding and flexibility as we sought the best solution to address the need to make up the unusually large number of snow days this year.

Sincerely,

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