

Good Afternoon Beverly Parents and Families,

I am reaching out to you today to let you know that due to the major storm forecast for tomorrow, the district will implement a remote learning day on Thursday, December 17th. I am sending this out earlier than usual as there is a high level of confidence in the forecast for a major snow event. The Department of Education has approved the use of remote learning on snow days for the 2020-2021 school year only. For this school year, because of the pandemic, if there are days schools must close because of inclement weather, snow days may be shifted to remote learning days. The district will not have to make up the snow days that are replaced by remote learning days for the 2020-2021 school year. There is ONE EXCEPTION, if the district experiences power outages to the extent that a majority of students may not participate in remote learning, the day will be declared a NO SCHOOL DAY and the district will have to make up the cancelled school day at the end of the year. We are hopeful that the power will not be impacted tomorrow. Should power conditions change, we will update families before the start of a school day. In addition, staff has been able to prepare in advance, so students should have the resources needed to complete the school day.

The Global Pandemic has impacted our students and families in many ways. Among concerns are interruptions to instruction that may lead to learning loss for many students and the impact on the social emotional and mental health needs of our students. As a result, we have decided to engage in remote learning on inclement weather days this year. Over the past ten months, we have worked hard to provide consistent opportunities for learning for our students as we continue to address the fragmented nature of learning during this pandemic. We believe that it is important to provide our students with access to their teachers, support staff, and classmates. Engaging in remote learning during the inclement weather days, particularly if we have longer periods of closure due to weather conditions, will ensure they have access to teachers, counselors, and peers throughout the day. For each level, principals will share a detailed schedule and general information is available on our [website](#).

In general we will make every effort to notify families of a remote learning day due to inclement weather as soon as possible. If there is inclement weather, the Superintendent sends a ConnectEd voicemail message notifying families and staff of a remote learning day or school cancellation. The decision will be made as early as possible, preferably between 4:30 and 5:30 am. In addition, information on remote learning days or school cancellations are available from the following radio stations, television stations, and websites:

Website:

[Beverly Public Schools](#)

Television:

WBZ TV Channel 4

WCVB TV Channel 5

WHDH TV Channel 7/CW/Channel 56

WFXT Fox 25

Radio:

WBZ 1030 AM

WBOQ 104.9 FM

WRKO 680 AM