



November 17, 2022

Dear DASD Parents and Guardians,

It seems like the winter weather is coming a little early this year!

Due to our late school start this year our snow days will work a little differently than in previous years. We have 5 days that the state will allow us to use as Virtual Instruction Days this year. When we have a Virtual Instruction Day students login to Google Classroom and participate in learning activities from home following their teachers' directions. These virtual days count as part of the 180 days in our school year and therefore do not need to be made up. We used one of those days on Friday, November 11, 2022 when we had to transition to virtual learning for safety reasons. That leaves us with 4 remaining Virtual Instruction Days. On the first 4 snow days we will have Virtual Learning Days. When I call, text, and email families because of inclement weather I will indicate that it is a Virtual Learning Day.

Building principals will be reaching out to families to provide more information about what Virtual Learning Days will look like for their building.

If we have snow days that go beyond those 4 days then we will have traditional snow days, no virtual work. Those days will need to be made up so that we have the required 180 days in our school calendar. Our only built in snow make up day is March 17, 2023. If we continue to have snow days beyond that we will have to make those days up at the end of the school year. When I call, text, and email families because of inclement weather after we have used up our Virtual Instruction Days I will indicate that it is a traditional snow day.

I appreciate your patience and understanding. The late start to the school year because of summer construction is why we needed to make these calendar changes. I also appreciate your patience and understanding when snow days are called, as I know they can make childcare arrangements difficult. The safety of all children in the district is my top priority when I make those decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Molly C. Nied".

Molly C. Nied, Ed.D.
Superintendent