

Miscellaneous Items to Report by Superintendent

Is it necessary to make-up snow day yet?

Administration does not recommend using the first available identified make-up snow

day of next Monday, February 21 at this time due to too short of an advanced notice. Two other future make-up dates identified on the school calendar are Monday, April 18 and May 27. Recommend re-evaluating at the March 14 School Board Meeting.

Late Starts/Early Dismissals due to emergencies (e.g., inclement weather, health/safety

issues with a building) that are beyond the control of the school board may be counted as instructional days; therefore, there is not an instructional service hour deduction for the three late starts (Tues., Jan. 18; Wed., Feb. 2; and Fri., Feb. 11) and the one early dismissal (1:45pm on Fri., Jan. 21) thus far.

However, there has been one canceled school day thus far on Tuesday, Feb.

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The school board must decide whether to (or not to) make up a cancelled school day later in the school year by amending the school calendar.

Source > Appendix B of Minnesota Automated Reporting Student System (MARSS) Manual.

Meet & Confer 3:30pm Wed., Jan. 19

Member Isane, Olson and Swenson met with subgroup of the BEA Teachers:

Topics: Handling of academic work/make-up work when students either isolate or

quarantine with COVID;

employers What if proposed OSHA vaccinating/testing requirement for large

gets extended to smaller employers like Badger School?

Shena Brandt, Business Manager Accountant, is completing a series of virtual winter conference/institute training webinars offered through the Minnesota Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) throughout the month February.

Tracking the Current Legislative Session:

2022 Weekly Legislative Advocacy Briefing (GoToMeet)

7-7:30 AM each Tuesday MREA = Minnesota Rural Education

Association

Friday Chat Room - Government Relations (Zoom)

9-9:30 AM each Friday MSBA = Minnesota School Boards Association

Agenda Item #9.3 Northwest MN Council of Collaboratives

The membership for \$1,350 is a good investment. During 2021 Badger was able to

receive Threat Assessment Training (J. Lee, S. Warne, K. Ricke) and Mental Health/Suicide Prevention Training for our Teachers on November 8 Staff Development In-Service Day.

Agenda Item #9.4 Health Insurance Bid Process

Service agreement with North Risk Partners for independent consult:

Working like an 'independent broker' we hope our contacts at North Risk Partners (Mike Reishus and Kim Swanson) can be persistent striving to get quotes with BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS), Medica, PEIP, the NWSC (MN Healthcare Consortium), Sourcewell, Health Partners, United Healthcare and possibly others. Frequently as a result of being in the 'small employer category' we get turned away for quotes due to less than 50 employees and only 12 employees enrolled in group health insurance.

Also want to explore providers that allow different deductible amounts while being HSA (and/or VEBA) eligible.

Agenda Item #9.5 Advertising for Long Term Substitute Teacher - Band and Music
There is no FMLA request for consideration with this absence. The employee chooses to use PTO.