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Date: November 19, 2025
To: Board of Education, Community Engagement Committee, and DPS Parents/Guardians
Cc: DPS Staff
From: Margo Empen, Superintendent
RE: Snow/Ice Days/Inclement Weather Days Protocol

Every school year, I discuss the use of Snow/Ice and Inclement Weather Days. I wanted to clarify for parents, guardians, students, staff, and our community the district's plans for the 2025-2026 school year. This protocol is in place when having to decide how to proceed if inclement weather arrives. There are more than 2,600 students and staff in our District. Our District spans city and rural areas. I must consider everyone and where they are located when making these difficult decisions. Please know that these decisions are not made lightly.

Snow/Ice/Inclement Weather Days: A Snow/Ice/Inclement Weather Day will be utilized districtwide when there is a concern for safe travel getting into or home from school. When a Snow/Ice/Inclement Weather Day is called, students and teachers are not in attendance. Five (5) Snow/Ice/Inclement Weather Days are required to be made up utilizing the emergency days added to each year's school calendar. After the five (5) emergency days are utilized, any further days utilized for Snow, Ice, or Inclement Weather do not need to be made up.

District Administration works with our County Road Commissioners as well as driving roads when snow or ice occurs. Area school districts also communicate with each other on road conditions they are experiencing.

E-Learning Days have not been utilized since 2023. The Board of Education, along with Administration, discussed and decided that remote learning was not effective for our students, and the district would rather make-up these days where students could receive instruction from their teachers.

I will continue to utilize our automated call and text system to announce plans on inclement weather days. Please make sure that phone numbers are updated in Lumen's Parent Portal to ensure you receive the call or text. We will continue to notify local radio stations, television stations, our website and social media pages when inclement weather arises. The fastest way to receive inclement weather information is through our automated call and text system.

Dixon Public Schools, in cooperation with the community, will provide students with a comprehensive educational program that produces well-educated, self-sufficient, and involved citizens.