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Earlier this month, I sent out my annual winter weather letter, which contained information that the PA Department of Education approved Claysburg Kimmel School District's request to provide "Flexible Instructional Days" in certain situations.

A Flexible Instruction Day (FID) is a day when students will stay home and the teachers will provide instruction in a non-traditional manner. Our plan is that **when a significant weather event is expected to occur, the decision to use a FID may be made. Parents will be notified, by noon, that a FID will be implemented the following day.**

Assignments will be sent home with the elementary (k-6) students, and sent electronically to Jr/Sr High 7-12 students. Teachers will be available throughout the Flexible Instruction Day, via email, to assist the students on an individual, question and answer style, manner. Your child's attendance for the day will be determined by his/her completion of the work assigned. The FID day will count as a regular school day and will not need to be made up later in the year.

Please read below for more detail about how a Flexible Instructional Day will be implemented.

For Our K-6 Learners

- Students will leave school with an understanding of, and access to, assignments that will need to be completed at home in the event school is closed due to inclement weather.
- Students in grades K-6 will bring the assignments to be completed during the FID home with them the day before the announced FID, and return completed work to their teachers when school resumes.
- If a learner is absent the day before a FID, the work may be completed at school when the student returns. Students will have up to two days after the FID to submit all assigned work
- The FID will not count as a "Cycle Day." Rather, when school resumes, students will return to the regularly scheduled Cycle Day that followed the last traditional school day.

For Our 7-12 Learners

- Assignments for students in grades 7-12 will be "pushed out" electronically, via either IC gradebook or e-mail or passed out before students leave for the day. If there are issues with completing the work at home due to Internet access or other factors students will have the option to access and complete the assignments in school when classes resume, but must still do them on non-class time. (it is expected that unit plans will advance as if school was in session, on site, previous day) Ultimately, students will not be penalized for failure to complete work if sufficient supports have not been provided.
- If a student is absent the day before a FID, the student will still be expected to complete the work. In incidences where the previous day's absence is due to an illness and the student continues to be ill, the normal rules for make-up work will apply. (one day extra for each day absent)
- If a student is unable to access assignments from home due to unexpected loss of the Internet, he/she will be given two days to submit all assignments.

For Our Learners with Special Needs

- Flexible Instructional Day (FID) lessons will be designed for students with special needs utilizing their program modifications, specially designed instruction and supplementary aids and services identified in their individualized education plans. Any related services (PT, OT, Speech, etc) scheduled during the FID will be rescheduled according to the frequency requirements of the students' individualized education plan.
 - Implications for FIDs will be discussed in the annual IEP meetings. Team will consider if particular needs require additional supports due to the nature of a FID and will include those additional supports in the specially designed instruction (SDI) section of the IEP.

Access to Teachers During the Day

- Your child's teacher(s) will be available for assistance, via email, from 9AM-12PM and 1PM-3PM during the FID. Due to the nature of electronic communication, immediate responses may not occur, but teachers will make every effort to respond in a timely manner.

Submitting Assignments

- Where applicable, students should submit assignments electronically. Submitting assignments the following day is acceptable as well, either electronically or via submission of paper/pencil work, as outlined above.

Once again, please know that a Flexible Instructional Day (FID) will only be used if there is certainty of a significant weather event occurring. When there is doubt about the severity of the weather event and any possibility of having school exists, a traditional school delay/closure will likely be used.

We will continue to use the School Messenger system as well as our district website and social media accounts for all weather notifications, as has been our practice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,

Mr. Darren J. McLaurin, Superintendent