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Mrs. Janet Walling – Superintendent of Schools

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Mountainside Parents/Guardians:

I am writing with some very important updates to share:

- So far the weather forecasts have remained stable for the potential of significant snow overnight tonight and into tomorrow. As such, we will look to make a decision regarding tomorrow as early as possible in order to give everyone ample notice of whether or not you have to get out of your slippers at all for the day.....stay tuned!
- For your planning purposes, IF the weather is such that we need to remain closed on Friday, it will become a remote instruction day for all following the 8:15-12:45 schedule that was shared in our [winter protocol letter](#) earlier this week. I will aim to provide as much notice as possible, but please keep in mind that as with all winter days, these are sometimes last minute decisions that need to be made.
 - Our 1 remaining snow day would then be utilized for a future snow day -- after all, who doesn't want a true snow day to look forward to in the middle of winter? :)
- **As was discussed at last night's Board of Education meeting, we have made the determination for Mountainside Schools to be FULLY REMOTE for all students the week after winter break (January 4-8).** This decision was based on many factors including the most current local and state health COVID data, recognizing that there will be increased chances for exposure over the longer winter break, and an awareness of various travel quarantines that will impact us. It is my strong belief that this is the most prudent choice to make at this time in order to set ourselves up for a solid return to our **very** successful in-person learning afterwards. What this means for your child's instruction and teaching is the following:
 - All grade levels will be following **full day remote schedules**.
 - Individual grade level schedules will be sent out by your child's teachers/school shortly
 - If you filled out the technology survey previously indicating a need for a school-provided Chromebook during remote learning, the devices will be sent home on Tuesday, December 22.
 - If you did not indicate a need previously, but will need one, please complete the survey through this link in order to ensure your child will have timely access:
<https://forms.gle/UzALvcK57s5Cskf99>
- If you are traveling over the winter break, it is very important that you speak with the school nurse regarding your date of return to NJ and what your quarantine timing would be. Please be aware of the following:
 - The District will be fully enforcing the 10 day travel quarantine for all students.
 - There is no change to the health or exposure quarantine, which remains at 14 days.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Please be safe with the upcoming weather.

Janet Walling