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Mountainside Parents/Guardians,

As the temperatures get colder, and our thoughts turn to the potential for wintry weather, I would like to take a moment to share how we plan to address any snow days or delayed openings that may occur. **Due to the impact of COVID-19, the NJDOE has granted permission for school districts to provide virtual or remote instruction to meet the minimum 180-day school year requirement in circumstances of inclement weather for the 2020/21 school year.** In light of this new guidance, please be advised of the following procedures for the 2020/21 school year:

Snow Days: Should the weather conditions warrant a snow day, **remote instruction will not take place for the first 2 snow days that are called.**

- Our first 2 identified snow days will not be used as a remote, instructional day. Instead, we ask that students and families take advantage of these free days by playing outside in the snow, sleeping in, and enjoying time with their family members.
- Should we need to utilize more than our current 2 allotted snow days, we would then implement a remote learning day where ALL students would attend classes together utilizing an 8:15-12:45 schedule.

Delayed Opening Procedure: Given our unique schedule that is in place this year, should the weather and road conditions warrant a delayed opening, **all staff and students will utilize a fully remote instructional model on these days.**

- No in-person instruction will take place when a delayed opening is communicated. Instead, classes will be taught remotely.
- ALL students would attend classes together utilizing an 8:15-12:45 schedule.

In the event that either type of weather related day is necessary, detailed communication will be provided to staff and the community via School Messenger (email, voicemail, etc.) in a timely manner.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as the district continues to navigate through these challenging times.

Be well,

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