



Prairie Heights Community School Corporation

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Dear Prairie Heights Parents:

This letter is to inform you of a change on how school cancellations will be addressed for the rest of the 2020-2021 school year. Due to COVID-19 and the new protocols and procedures, this school year has been very stressful and difficult for our staff, students, and community. In a year with so much uncertainty, I believe there is merit in offering families and staff a final "end in sight" date for this school year and a definite start date for summer break. Therefore, we are going to target May 27 as the last student day and May 28 as the last staff day. This will allow us to finish the school year before Memorial Day weekend and provide our staff and students a longer, and well-deserved, summer break. In order to accomplish this while still providing 180 days of instruction, we will utilize the make-up days we have already built into our school calendar, May 24-27.

May 24 - will be used for the January 26 cancellation
May 25 - will be used for the February 1 cancellation
May 26 - will be used for the February 5 cancellation
May 27 - will be used for the February 16 cancellation
May 28 - last staff day

***Please note that Monday, February 15, was not a cancellation. It was a scheduled make-up day already built into our school calendar. This day will not need to be made up.**

In order to ensure the school year ending prior to Memorial Day weekend, we will implement remote/e-learning for any future cancellations. Procedures for remote/e-learning will vary from building to building and may consist of paper and pencil activities sent home ahead of time or online activities. Those students without internet access will be allotted three days to complete their work. Teachers will communicate their expectations to their students, but if you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or building principal.

Note: IF WE ARE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, we will **NOT** implement remote/e-learning. We will make that day up on May 28 and our last staff day will be June 1. We will not implement any remote/e-learning until our students are back in school for at least one day so teachers can discuss procedures and expectations with their students.

We are only considering utilizing remote learning days for the 2020-2021 school year as we pride ourselves on in-person instruction. Again as this school year has brought on unprecedented challenges, I believe having an "end in sight" will encourage and motivate our students and staff as they finish another successful year.

I appreciate your willingness to cooperate and work with us throughout this entire year.

Respectfully,
Jeff Reed
Superintendent

