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Hello Alexander.

Unfortunately the weather has played a big role in our ability to attend school this year. I would love to go to school everyday, but for safety reasons, there are times that I have to make a decision to either delay or close our district. We have had to close school nine full days so far this year.

We take all of this very seriously, and I do my best to wait as long as possible so that I can make the best decision for our district. I try to make the call only when I am absolutely certain that we need to make a change in our plan. The timing of those decisions can vary because our situation can change unexpectedly.

There are a variety of factors that impact those decisions. Can we get our buses to our kids safely? If not, do we have an alternative bus route plan? Are the roads safe for our staff, our buses and for our young drivers? Is our school safe to receive our staff and kids? Are our parking lots and sidewalks passable? Has our situation changed dramatically? All of these questions are factors in our decisions.

There may also be times that it is just too cold to go to school. On Thursday, it turned out to be much colder than we had anticipated. Not only was it cold for our staff and students, our old diesel buses don't operate well, or in some cases at all, in extremely cold temperatures.

With all of that being said, we have used up more calamity days this year than we are permitted. What that means is, there are days that we will have to make up and there is a plan to do so:

Day 1 - 12/2

Day 2 - 12/15

Day 3 - 12/16

Day 4 - 1/15

Day 5 - 1/22

Day 6 - 1/26 - Make up day - 2/16 - Students and staff need to attend

Day 7 - 1/27 - Make up day - 5/22 - Students and staff need to attend

Day 8 - 1/28 - Make up day - 5/26 - Students and staff need to attend

Day 9 - 1/29 - Make up day - 5/27 - Students and staff need to attend

Virtual learning and Blizzard Bags continue to come up in discussions. While these may be an option for other school districts, they are not an option for Alexander. We do not have the language in our contracts that will allow for Blizzard Bags or virtual learning to take place at Alexander. These are simply contractual matters.

There is always the potential for change. At this point, graduation has not been affected. If the schedule for make-up days or other calendar changes need to be made, we will let you know as soon as possible.

We still have a lot of winter left, so we can't predict how the rest of this will play out, but next Monday is Groundhog Day ... Maybe we can get a little help from Punxsutawney Phil.

Stay Warm!

William Hampton
Superintendent
Alexander Local Schools