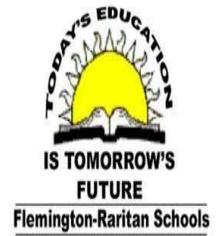


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Dear Flemington-Raritan Regional School District Parents Faculty, Staff and Community,

As winter weather turns cold, icy, and potentially snowy, parents should prepare for interruptions to in-person learning. Notifications will be sent to parents through the District's automated emergency messaging system with a phone call, text message, and e-mail. At this time, the District has one remaining contingency day available (April 12) before days would need to be removed from spring break to make-up school closures.

If winter weather affects transportation and the ability for the District to facilitate in-person learning, the District does not intend to remove days from spring break but rather utilize virtual learning days to comply with the New Jersey Department of Education requirement of 180 days of instruction. The District recognizes the wonder of a snowy, wintery weather day in the eyes of a child and the tradition of enjoying a snow day off from school. It should be expected that there will be at least one day for a traditional snow day.

In the event that wintery weather affects the morning commute, schools will not have a delayed opening. Instead, the District will pivot to an all-remote learning day. Students will follow the same schedule as scheduled for the day, with all learning taking place virtually. An all-remote learning day would be necessary rather than operating in-person instruction on a delayed opening schedule because of the short time between when students arrive at school on a delayed opening and when they leave for the day on an early dismissal. The short time would prevent the day from counting as a day of instruction. As noted above, the District must hold 180 days of instruction, and all schools continue to operate on an early dismissal schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This week's forecast is predicting winter weather. Brayden Fahey, of the Emergency Management Services (EMS) from Hunterdon County, shared that the EMS is monitoring two weather systems that are forecast to impact the area this week on Monday and Wednesday. The more impactful of the two is a coastal storm forecast for this Wednesday which may deliver significant impacts, and additional details are below. Updates will be provided as information is received.

Weather Information: A coastal storm is forecast to affect the area on Wednesday into Wednesday night (12-16-20). The main points are that precipitation is looking more certain for the entire forecast area and that an accumulating snowfall is becoming more [likely](#) for portions of the Mid-Atlantic region.

Impacts:

- Widespread precipitation with precipitation type being dependent on storm track.
- Accumulating snow for at least portions of the Mid Atlantic again depending on storm track.
- Potentially strong, gusty winds, with wind gusts of at least 25-35 mph possible, especially near the coast.
- Possible Coastal Flooding due to strong, steady northeast flow, and being only two days removed from the new moon.

Wishing you good health,

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