



Manistee Area PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear MAPS Staff & Families;

We are pleased to announce that legislation has been approved to allow Michigan school districts to deviate from the normal 180-day school calendar in order to make up for the four days between January 29th and February 2nd when Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency due to record low temperatures and snowfalls. This decision will allow Manistee Area Public Schools to follow the 2018-19 school year calendar as originally outlined.

Existing 2018-19 District Calendar for End of School Year:

Wednesday, June 5 – Half Day

Thursday, June 6 - Half Day & Last Day of School

During the 2018/19 school year, MAPS had a total of 12 snow days. As a standard, we were forgiven a total of 6 snow days per year. In addition to these 6 days, we petitioned the Michigan Department of Education for a waiver of up to 3 additional days, which was accepted. This left us with 3 days to make up, which is no longer necessary due to this most recent legislation.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we worked through the details of this process. We feel this is a favorable outcome for the district, our students, and their families. As always, please reach out to us if you have any questions. We look forward with anticipation to the coming weeks as we prepare for our traditional end-of-year activities with our students. We hope to see you at one or more of these events!

Sincerely,

Ron Stoneman, Superintendent
Manistee Area Public Schools