



ANTIETAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Together We: Encourage Learners, Inspire Growth, Embrace Community

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Fellow Antietam Mountaineers:

As the winter season descends, I just wanted to reach out to everyone to review a couple of important pieces of information. This is particularly important given the chance for winter weather tomorrow.

Any time inclement weather that would affect the ability for parents and busses to safely transport Mounts to our buildings or back home arises, we will always err on the side of physical safety. We place a high priority on the learning that happens in our classrooms every day, but an even higher priority on preventing risk of injury.

As a father, I understand the stress that comes with waiting on a potential snow delay or cancellation. It is not easy to arrange care at the drop of a hat. For that reason, we will always try to give families as much time as possible to plan ahead. We will not rush into cancellation decisions, but we will do our best to make them in a timely manner and with the best available information.

In the event that school is affected by poor weather, you can anticipate an alert coming to the phone number we have on Skyward, an email, a post on Facebook, and information sharing with WMFZ. We will plan to make use of the state-allotted flexible instructional days in the event school needs to be cancelled. This is important to keep us on track for the school calendar we have worked so hard to preserve this year. Most students have experienced flexible instruction days in the past and should have a good idea of how to navigate them. However, if you have questions, please reach out to your child's school to get any clarification you might need.

We hope that our winter will be uneventful and full of in-person learning, but we just want to make sure everyone is on the same page for any eventuality. As always, we appreciate the support of our families as we continue to climb.

Sincerely,

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