

POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Polo R-VII Staff, Students, and Parents

From: Mr. Ross

Date: February 4, 2019

RE: Inclement Weather Make-Up Days

For the 2018-19 school calendar we have 6 built inclement weather days (3/11, 3/22, 3/29, 4/18, 5/14, 5/15). Those days were used up by the following inclement weather days: 11/26, 11/27, 1/14, 1/15, 1/22, and 1/23.

Per state statute once you go beyond your 6th inclement make up day you begin a 2 days out of school equals 1 day of make up until you reach 10 total days of schools made up. Once you reach the 10 make up day plateau then you are not required to make any more days up for inclement weather.

On 1/25, 1/28, 1/30, and 1/31 our district was out of school due to inclement weather. Those 4 days became 2 "make up days" which will be May 16th and May 17th (which will make our last scheduled staff in-service day Monday May 20th). We also built four extra hours of school in for inclement weather late starts/early outs and unfortunately we have used up all 4 of those opportunities (1/11, 1/16, 1/18, and 1/24).

Therefore, from this date on if we were to have any (late start, early out, or full day) inclement weather occurrences prior to Monday February 18th (President's Day) we will be in attendance on Monday February 18th. If we were to have more than 2 inclement weather occurrences prior to Monday April 22 then school will be in session on Monday April 22, 2019. I do not like the idea of having to make these changes to our current calendar, however mother nature has not been too kind this year.

Our calendar for next year is equipped for this particular set of circumstances and designed to keep holidays and scheduled breaks from being disturbed. The overall goal by selecting February 18 and April 22 as possible "make-up" days is to give the maximum time possible back to the teachers and students in preparation for our annual spring testing and to make sure that the end of school date stays within the same original week so that we could eliminate the possibility of graduation having to be potentially moved. If you have any specific questions about the 2018-19 calendar, please contact my office @ 660-354-2326.

Thank you for your flexibility and cooperation in this matter.

Kyle Ross

Polo R-VII Superintendent