

March 6, 2019

Parents and Guardians:

Weather continues to play havoc with scheduled school days. In light of the fact that we have used six emergency closing days, it is now necessary to make an adjustment to the school schedule to insure we achieve the legally required number of student attendance days.

We have reviewed a number of options to address this challenging matter and have decided to modify the school schedule so that Friday March 15th students will be scheduled to be in attendance for a half day. Thus March 15th will be an early release day. March 18th will continue to be an early release day as outlined in the school calendar.

Plans for Student Led Conferences continue to be at the forefront. Faculty and building principals will seek to achieve options for those students that have conferences scheduled for the morning of March 15th.

Oswego County in early March continues to hold the potential for additional weather related school disruptions. The safety of our students is the primary consideration when making decisions on days of disruptive weather. We ask your patience and understanding if we are faced with future decisions where weather presents a concern for student safety.

Lastly, some may recall Governor Cuomo's recent communication about a waiver for districts that are not able meet the mandatory number of school days due to emergency closings. The Department of Education has stated that waivers can only be considered if all other avenues have been exhausted. In other words state regulation would require that minimally we have rescinded spring break days equal to the number of emergency closing days that exceed five.

Thank you for your understanding.

Brian Pulvino
Superintendent