



Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated School District

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Parents, Staff, and Students

This winter has been and continues to be one of the most severe, in many years. The State requires all schools to schedule 180 days and 1,098 hours for students to attend school. A District must satisfy both requirements.

Winter is far from over and ETC has lost **nine** days of school; including one day for a power outage. ETC has also dismissed early one day and had one late start, due to weather. The early dismissal or days off, scheduled on the calendar, are all accounted for in our days and hours.

The State allows **six** "act of God" days each year and a school can apply for **three** additional days. If the State Superintendent grants these **three** additional days, then the lost time does not count against the 180 days and 1098 hours.

Currently, if the State Superintendent grants the **three** additional days, ETC will not have to make up any days or hours. If we have any more cancelation or delays/early dismissals, we will need to examine ways to make up these days and hours.

If the ETC School District fails to meet the State requirements, the State will withhold State Funds which districts cannot afford. Also, when we make up time, it is critical for students to attend, both for their education and if attendance falls below 75%, the State withholds funds.

I will be applying for the **three** additional days (which should be granted). There is a lot of pressure on the Legislators to look at granting more than the **three** days of forgiveness. We will have to wait and see. I will keep all stake holders informed as we get additional information from the State.

The ETC School District wants to thank all parents, students, and staff for your patience and resolve in this matter. If we do cancel additional days or have late starts/early dismissals, there is strong possibility the spring break and/or the end of the school year would be affected. It would be a good idea for parents to contact your legislators and ask them to support granting additional forgiveness days. I have included their names and email addresses: Greg Markkanen:

GregMarkkanen@house.mi.gov and Ed McBroom senembroom@senate.michigan.gov

Thank you,

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