

December 15, 2020

The Commissioner of Education has determined, on days when schools must close because of inclement weather or another emergency, districts may choose whether to treat those days as “snow days” to be made up later **OR** provide all students with remote learning opportunities on those days in a manner that is consistent with the regulatory requirements listed below:

- Procedures in place for all students to participate in remote learning, including a system for tracking attendance and participation;
- Remote academic work shall be aligned to state standards;
- A policy for issuing grades for students' remote academic work; and
- Teachers and administrators shall regularly communicate with students and their parents and guardians.

On "remote snow days" where we will offer learning opportunities, the following will take place:

- MPS faculty, staff, and students will all work from home (with the exception of custodial staff who will be partly responsible for snow removal on each school's campus)
- Students and staff will follow the planned schedule for that day (Attendance must be taken).
- No delayed openings - we will simply shift to a remote model for that day only.
- Students will engage in a combination of **synchronous** and **asynchronous** learning opportunities.
- Notification of a "remote snow day" will be made as soon as possible but could come as late as the morning of the designated "remote snow day."
- Factors that contribute to pivoting to a "remote snow day" include, but are not limited to: the amount of accumulated or expected snowfall; road conditions, sidewalk/bus stop conditions, safety for walkers, conditions for the school parking lots/school grounds.
- As a back-up or in anticipation of potential power outages in communities where our faculty and staff reside, teachers should provide students with independent work in Google classroom so students can access it if needed during a "remote snow day". All teachers should make every attempt possible to log on during a "remote snow day" and use this independent work as a last resort.
- A complete cancellation of school may happen if the Town of Milton has widespread power outages or any other unforeseen circumstances require a complete shutdown of the schools.