School District 12 Update

December 13, 2022

From the Desk of Dr. Mary Henderson





Calendar Events

2022-23 School Year Calendar

Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. SMART day: Wednesday, January 11

District 12 website

Dear D12 Families,

December has been a whirlwind of activity at both of our schools. Despite the gloomy weather, it has been warmth and sunshine in the buildings. We kicked this off with a fantastic band concert at RMS last week and will continue with a concert at SHS this week.

Inclement Weather

My hope in sharing this information each year is that we never have to use it. However, living in the Midwest means that we could have snow as early as October and as late as April. We will be continuing with the plans we have used for the last three years as it relates to inclement weather.

For the 2022-23 school year, if we are able to anticipate a potential emergency weather day, we will send students home with Chromebook and materials for the next day. If the decision is made to close our school buildings, all D12 students will have a remote learning day.

In the event we are not able to anticipate and plan ahead for an emergency weather day, if our school buildings are not able to open, all D12 students will have an emergency day and school will be canceled for the day. We will add a day to the end of the school year.

Since implementing this plan, we have had both remote learning days and school called off due to weather. Our decisions are based on the ability to plan, notify, and send kids home prepared for learning.

When school must be called off, the decision often does not come until approximately 5:00 am. Parents are notified through email, text, and phone call, using our Blackboard communication system. Updates are also posted on our website. It's very important that any change in email address or phone number is updated in Skyward so that you receive all notifications.

Additional information on our e-learning plan for inclement weather is attached to this newsletter and is also available on our district website.

Communicating Concerns/Solving Problems

As much as we hope that each school year goes by smoothly for all of our families, we know that is not always the case. When you have an issue, concern, or problem to be addressed, the best place to begin is with the staff member closest to the issue. In many cases that will be your child's teacher(s). If working with the teacher doesn't resolve the issue to your satisfaction, your next step would be the building principal. The principal may resolve the issue directly with you, facilitate a meeting with the involved parties, or other resolution strategies.

If the concern is still not addressed to your satisfaction, the district administration is available to support and work with you. Ms. JoAnn Dumelle serves as the administrative assistant to the superintendent and may be reached at 630-529-2091 or at jdumelle@sd12.org. You are also welcome to email me directly at mhenderson@sd12.org.

Change in Date for the Regular Board of Education Meeting in January

Due to a conflict with the Village of Roselle, our January Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18.

As a reminder, we are in school through next Wednesday, December 21.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent





