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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

This winter has provided us with some challenging nor'easter storms to maneuver through, and I am concerned that early April (maybe Sunday night) may bring us some surprises, as well. Wednesday's closure brought us once again over our allotted number of snow days. The Board had relieved us of our prior overdrawn day by reducing both our student schedule and our contractual obligations. This time, we need to be creative in making up our day.

There were options to meet this make-up day, including taking a day back from spring break (vacations and trips are already planned/paid for families and staff), extending the calendar into the last week of June (concerns for college orientation and students going to camp, summer school, summer employment, extended school year programs), a final adjustment of the calendar by the Board leaving no room for any unforeseen need, and/or the possibility of a single session on Good Friday. After discussion with the Principals of all buildings, the President of the LEA, and our Board of Education, we have decided to open school on Friday, March 30th (Good Friday) for a single session day (which will count as a full-day). Our obligation to make-up Wednesday's snow day will be fulfilled.

We understand that this change in calendar may affect religious observances, travel plans for the holiday weekend, and child care. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we move through an unusual winter of weather.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Joanne Megargee

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