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Dear Parents,

We are excited to share with you an opportunity that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is sponsoring to provide alternative learning assignments for our students when school is cancelled. Starting this week, LCCPS will be providing **Blizzard Bag** materials for all of our students that will be counted towards attendance for a school day cancellation. The purpose of this learning opportunity is to decrease school makeup dates along with providing meaningful work for students when school is closed. Teachers will be talking to their students about Blizzard Bag expectations and assignments.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question	Answer
How will we know what school cancelations will be considered Blizzard Bag Days?	<i>A Robo call will be made to parents to communicate when school is cancelled and state: "This is Blizzard Bag Day 1"</i>
How will the work be provided?	<p><i>5 Blizzard Bag Assignments will be sent home and labeled in preparation for 5 school cancelations. For example: The student will complete Assignment 1 on Blizzard Bag day 1.</i></p> <p><i>Grades K1-3: Blizzard Bags will be sent home with students with paper based assignments.</i></p> <p><i>Grades 4-6: Teachers will provide a combination of paper and technology based assignments.</i></p> <p><i>Grade 7 and 8 Technology Based Assignments</i></p> <p><i>If students do not have access to technology they will be provided with a paper option.</i></p>
How much support should parents give their children?	<i>We are hoping that the details provided for students to complete the assignments will allow them to do most/all of the work</i>

	<i>independently. Our expectation is that these assignments will not require any more support than other work that is sent home.</i>
When are Assignments Due?	<i>Each Blizzard Bag Assignment will be due one week from the school cancelation.</i>
What will happen if my child does not complete the blizzard bag contents?	<i>Students who do not complete the assignment on a Blizzard Bag Date will be marked absent. Our school attendance impacts our Level 1 status.</i> <i>In addition, there may be a minor impact to the student's grade for the last quarter of school.</i>
What if I have questions on a Blizzard Bag Day?	<i>Teachers will be asked to be available by email on a Blizzard Bag Day to answer parent questions. Teachers may need an additional day to respond if a storm impacts power.</i>