

Community Unit School District #7

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Families,

The purpose of this letter is to clarify with all stakeholders the utilization of remote/eLearning days at Community Unit School District #7. The Unit 7 Board of Education will be adopting a remote eLearning plan that will be reflected in the school calendar that will state moving forward that we will use remote/eLearning days when "snow / cold" days occur. The purpose in doing this is to ensure a continuation of blended learning when Mother Nature interrupts our plans to be in-person. This will also ensure a definitive end date to the school year (May 26, 2021) for planning purposes for families.

Unit 7 remote/eLearning days will occur when school is called off for inclement weather or other unplanned emergency events that cancel school, with a maximum of five days.

When a remote/eLearning day occurs all students will be provided with opportunities to continue learning in all subject areas either via electronic media or through pre-planned blended learning opportunities. The types of lessons and delivery will vary greatly with the variations of subjects and age levels that we serve. What a kindergarten student is expected to do will be very different from what is expected of a more connected senior in high school.

The learning opportunities will be accompanied by feedback from staff. Some of the feedback will be immediate while other feedback will be provided upon return to school. No student will be left out or penalized for circumstances out of their control.

It is important to note that the attempt to preform remote learning in the Spring of 2020 due to state school closures was a trial run for this process. Staff, students, and families have been engaged in this blended platform with some exposure to what a remote learning day looks and feels like. If you, or your student, feels they have missed an opportunity please reach out to building administration to ensure we fill any learning gaps that may have been created through this process.

It is the intention of Unit 7 educators to give this our best effort for effective implementation and make a determination, with feedback from students and families, if this is a practice we wish to continue in the future. Thank you to everyone for your willingness to step outside of the box in an effort to evolve our traditional practices to match the growing resources we have at our disposal.

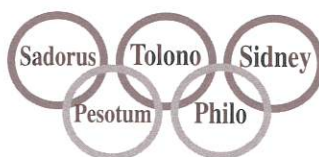
Questions may be directed to building level administration.

Sincerely,



Andrew Larson
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