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Bobcat Families,

As we head into the thick of the winter months in Michigan, I wanted to clarify our policy on inclement weather (snow/ice) days for this year and into the future. With our current COVID situation, and the potential of moving between remote and in-person learning, I want to make sure that our families and staff are clear on our policy for snow days during the 2020-2021 school year.

As it stands right now, all of our K-12 students are in **remote or virtual learning**. Therefore, because every student and staff member has a Chromebook and internet accessibility at home, there is no need to call a snow day. Learning will continue as normal on these days, and students should follow their normal learning schedule. This will be our policy anytime we are in an extended period of time in remote learning. Please note, as stated in our last issue of The Report Card, no meal services will be available on snow days. Parents can see if a "snow day" has been called by checking their building websites.

When we do return to school for **in-person learning**, we will revert back to calling inclement weather days as we have in the past - with students not reporting to school for in-person learning and no remote learning on that day. Students will not have school on these days. We currently have too many technological and logistical issues involving both students and staff to ensure quality remote learning for every student when snow days are called the morning of school.

While there has been a lot of discussion surrounding snow days, and the possibility of them being a thing of the past, that simply does not apply to our school district. As I have said, there are still too many technological and logistical challenges that keep us from ensuring quality instruction for every child on these days.

As always, if you have any questions regarding snow days, and what is expected of your child, please contact your child's school.

With Bobcat Pride,
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