



North Little Rock School District

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Dear Meadow Park Elementary Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for allowing us to educate your student. We are committed to nurturing and caring for any student in our care.

As you know, we experienced a record-breaking snowstorm in our area last week. We not only experienced snow, but we also dealt with extremely cold temperatures that caused ruptured pipes and outages. Meadow Park Elementary was not spared. The snow and ice caused the heating system at the school to fail. After multiple hours with technicians, we were able to restore heat and to open the building. The decision to do so came after 8:00 p.m. last night.

Because our students had been out since February 10, 2021, we felt the need to get students back in the classroom and to resume normal operations as soon as possible. In addition, the snowstorm and the pandemic disrupted precious learning time. We wanted to recover as much instructional time as possible.

I have heard from many of you about the decision to reopen came too late. I understand that many families did not have enough time to make arrangements for their students. Some families acknowledged that they did not get the news until this morning.

On behalf of the school staff and administration, thank you for your patience, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you and your student.

Thank you for being a part of the North Little Rock School District. We are grateful for you.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Pilewski, Ed.D.
Superintendent