

## Dear RSU 10 Community,

I hope everyone has an opportunity to get out and make a unique or traditional snowperson on this "traditional snow day"! This will extend our school year to Thursday, June 16, 2022. If there is another need in the future for no school we will have one more traditional school cancellation. This would take us to Friday, June 17, 2022 and then after that we will consider Remote Learning days to avoid extending our calendar beyond June 17th! This approach is supported by your School Board. We are committed to having our school year completed by June 17th. Additionally, Juneteenth-(June 19th) is now a recognized Federal and State holiday, celebrating the abolition of slavery. This year it will be recognized on Monday, June 20th and our schools and services will be closed.

At our last School Board meeting on January 24th your Board extended masking in our schools through March 31st. On March 28th they will reconsider this for April. Our number reached a high of 104 positive cases on January 14th and we were down to 55 on January 28th. We are hopeful this downward trend continues. Thank you ALL for doing your part.

Speaking of masking, RSU 10 has an abundance of masks, including KN95, both children and adult sizes. If anyone is in need please contact your school or RSU 10 Central Office we can help you out!

Finally, I am very excited for our community as we get close to a final design for our new school. There will be a presentation and a straw poll will be taken on March 14th before our School Board meeting. Please make every effort to attend in person or by Zoom. More information to come.

Please know our staff is working very hard to keep in-person learning in our schools. This takes extra effort from all of those in attendance. Please be kind to all of our staff and each other! Deb Alden