



SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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April 22, 2019

Dear Sheridan School District Families:

The Arkansas Department of Education granted the Sheridan School District up to five Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) days to be used this school year, on which students will complete activities and assignments at home rather than making up instructional days in the classroom. This reduces the need to add instructional days onto the end of the school year.

You may recall an announcement from us earlier this year regarding our AMI plan for the 2018-19 school year. Our original plan was to use any make-up days available on our school calendar that occur PRIOR to May 27, Memorial Day, before utilizing the AMI days. At the time of our missed school day on April 18, the district had two available makeup days: **April 19** and **May 24**.

On April 18, the district determined it would have been too short of notice for families to use April 19 as a makeup day. After much thought and consideration, the district also determined it would be more effective and convenient for families to makeup the missed school day on April 18 using **Alternative Methods of Instruction** rather than making it up on Friday, May 24.

Each of our campuses are sending AMI packets home with students today. The Arkansas Department of Education requires school districts to submit attendance records for AMI days no later than five (5) school days after the missed school day. Therefore, in order for students to be counted "present" for April 18, they must submit their AMI packet to their teacher by **Friday, April 26**.

We appreciate your patience as we work through the aftermath of this school closing. There are many pros and cons to this decision, but we believe this decision is the best option for our families. AMI days are still a new concept for districts. We will continue to obtain feedback from our staff and families to evaluate this practice and make changes as appropriate.

Should you have additional questions, please contact your child's campus. Thank you for being a part of the Yellowjacket Nation. It is a privilege to serve our students and community.

Sincerely,

SSD Communications