

February 11, 2019

Dear Richfield Families,

It appears that Mother Nature is not quite finished with her winter weather! She loves it, we are TIRED of it—yet facing reality we know that winter isn't officially over until March 20<sup>th</sup>. That being said, we are bracing for the next round of bad weather, with our priority, as always, being the safety of our students and our dedicated staff.

These past few weeks have been difficult for us all and we are very aware of the hardships often caused our families when school is cancelled; yet, we cannot compromise the safety of the students, our parents and our staff. So again, please plan for a week of interrupted school days.

The bright spot in this snow cloud is that the temperatures will NOT be the dangerous, frigid temperatures we experienced last week. These warmer temperatures create a great opportunity for the kids to play outside and enjoy the winter weather.

Some of you have wondered why we just don't have school next week (our planned intercession) to make up for these missed school days. This isn't a possibility as so many people, families and staff alike, have made vacation plans for this week. I do want to assure you though, that Richfield Academy is in a much better position than most of the other districts in terms of having days that we can use to make up for the snow days. This means that (unless Mother Nature really doesn't take a break until March 20th) we will not have to extend our school year. We plan to manage the required make-up days by pulling back some of our scheduled days off and/or PD days.

We appreciate your understanding of our school closings and we will keep you updated as to our make-up days when we have determined exactly how many days we need to make-up. In the meantime, please remember that when we do have school, it is so important that your child is in attendance. Your support in this area will assure that we have enough students each day to count the day as a school day.

My grandmother used to tell me that there is always a silver lining in every cloud—so for this winter weather cloud—create your own silver lining! Have fun with your children outside, build memories and snowmen then come in and make your favorite comfort foods, snuggle up and share some precious time together, sharing your love for each other.

As a Valentine activity--we would love to hear how your child completes this statement: Love is \_\_\_\_\_. Share your child's response with us and we will share with Michigan Public Radio and hopefully you can hear your child's description of love on the radio!

As always, if you have any questions relative to this communication, please call or e-mail me at ([phaldy@richfieldpsa.org](mailto:phaldy@richfieldpsa.org)).

Be safe and hang in there, spring will eventually come!

Mrs. Haldy, Superintendent

