



Community Consolidated Schools District 168

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Dr. Donna S. Leak
Superintendent of Schools

February 12, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians & All District 168 Staff,

Our district staff understands that our decision to open or close schools in bad weather has a substantial effect on families. We also understand that our students are better served—academically and socially—by being in school. But as always, our top priority is the safety of our students. Please understand that we make the decision to open or close the schools in bad weather based on a careful analysis of all relevant factors across the district.

As Superintendent of Schools, I am responsible for the final decision. Please remember that some of our students walk to school and many must wait outside for the bus. We prefer not making our decision based on weather predictions, which are not always accurate. But sometimes this is unavoidable.

District 168 has used one (1) emergency closing day to insure the safety of our students on February 9, 2018. On this date, due to the inclement weather many school districts, including District 168, were forced to close.

The Board of Education, at its regular school board meeting on January 26, 2015, approved a waiver to hold school on certain legal holidays to make up days when District 168 schools are closed due to severe weather conditions or other appropriate causes for such closures. To make up for the emergency closing day used, here is the current **revised** student attendance date for all district calendars:

Students **will be** in attendance on February 19, 2018 (Presidents' Day).

The last day of student attendance for the 2017-2018 school year will remain the same, May 25, 2018.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THIS CHANGE!

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna S. Leak".

Dr. Donna S. Leak

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