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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This correspondence is being shared with you to keep you informed regarding inclement weather days for this winter. You may be aware that we are expecting our first projected major snow storm for this Wednesday. Due to the pandemic, **we are permitted to use virtual learning on inclement weather days**. However, it is also essential that students and families enjoy a traditional “snow” day from time to time. At this time, the tentative last day of school for district students is Tuesday, June 15th. Therefore, I will try to use no more than three snow days this winter, weather permitting.

When an announcement is made, it will be indicated whether the day is an **inclement weather day (no virtual learning)** or an **inclement weather day (virtual learning implemented)**. This will be based on the weather prediction, snow accumulation, and travel guidelines. I am particularly concerned that should sections of Vernon lose power, students would not have the opportunity to access the virtual platform. Therefore it would be an inclement weather day. I will be in touch with our local road department as well as the Vernon Township Police Department to make the best decisions possible for our families this winter. Even if we do not lose power, there is a chance there will be an inclement weather day (no virtual learning) if roads are impassable, ice covers roads, or if it might have been considered a traditional snow day. Juggling travel, as a parent who commutes, on top of trying to get your child on line or to a neighbor’s house in the snow, is a recognized challenge for many.

In addition, “snow days”, in my opinion, are essential for students, especially our younger ones. When it snows, and it will, and we have a true snow day with no virtual learning, please encourage your children to play in the snow. Bundle up and send me pictures of your best snowmen, snow angels or other snow creations! I would love to feature them in a Superintendent Newsletter.

Wishing you a safe and happy winter, through all of the challenges we are facing.

Sincerely,

Karen D'Avino  
Superintendent