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Dear Parents,

Last year we piloted “Remote School Days” that met with a lot of success. We are going to plan to have two Remote School Days this year during the winter season. These days are school days that are done at home on a day that would otherwise have traditionally been a Snow Day. This strategy will enable us to avoid excessive snow days and not have to extend the length of the day or go too far into June. It also helps avoid interruptions to learning.

Our plan is to implement Remote School Days during what would be the first two snow days after December 1, unless the storm is a blizzard or dumps very heavy snow where we anticipate losing power. We made some adjustments based on feedback last year, and we have planned as best we can. We know it will not be perfect. We are trusting that parents will support our efforts and work together to make this as successful as possible.

I have attached the general outline of what a Remote School Day will look like at each grade span. For the youngest grades (K-4), we will send home a “Genius Bag” for each student after December 1. Students in grades 7-12 will access lessons virtually through Google Classroom (CRMS) or Schoology (CHRS). Students in grades 5 and 6 will be given work ahead of time by their teachers. I have also included an FAQ document we created to answer anticipated questions. Students will get more information this fall from their teachers.

At this point, most of our regular media outlets have a “Remote School Day” option, so in addition to using our internal messaging “all-call” (phone, text, and email to notify parents between 5:30 - 6:00am), we will post in local media outlets. The only one that does not have this option is Village Soup, so we will not post Remote School Days there. We will plan to rely on our internal messaging system that it is a “Remote School Day.”

We appreciated the incredible student participation last year and expect the same this year. If you are a family with no internet service at home, or a very unreliable connection, we will provide your child with a device (called a “Kajeet”) that provides a filtered cellular internet connection at home. This service will continue during the remainder of the school year as a step toward greater equity. We will identify students who need this in school, but if you can also contact your school office if your child needs a device.

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If you have questions, please email your building principal, me, or our Assistant Superintendent, Deb McIntyre.

Best,
Maria Libby, the Superintendent of Snow. 😊