



THOMPSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Thompson Families,

Last month the Connecticut State Department of Education Board of Directors gave Superintendents permission to treat inclement weather days for this school year as either a typical snow day or a remote learning day.

A snow day is defined as a day when school is closed. Students and teachers do not attend class either onsite or virtually, and all instruction is cancelled. A snow day is a day that must be made up to comply with the state-required 177 days of school.

A remote learning day is a regular school day, and all students and teachers access classes virtually. The school day will follow a predetermined schedule that was provided to you by your child's teacher. Students will access lessons in a live streaming and posted assignment format. A remote learning day is a mandatory school day. If a student fails to attend class or fails to post assigned work by the end of the day, he/she will be marked absent.

In the event of a weather-related onsite school closing, I will inform families using the typical notification procedures. The announcement will include what type of designation the school closing will be labeled. Power outages will be monitored before class cancellations to determine if most students and teachers will have access to the internet.

If you have any questions about your child's remote learning schedule, please contact your child's teacher. Schedules do vary between schools and grade levels.

Sincerely,

Melinda A. Smith, M.Ed.
Superintendent of Schools
