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Dear Parents,

At last night’s Board of Education meeting, the School Board voted to make up three snow days on February 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The board made this decision with consideration of the need to maximize learning opportunities for students. This plan will also restore contingency days in the event we have further school cancellations.

Local Board policy and State Rule allow student absences that result from weather and safety concerns to be excused. Given the unusual circumstances of last week and the short notice available for the make-up days, the Fayette County Board of Education has authorized student absences to be excused where students are unable to attend the make-up days because of family plans already made based on the school calendar issued at the beginning of the year. We encourage parents to make every effort to see that students do not miss these instructional days. However, the Board of Education recognizes that this combination of circumstances should not result in students being counted as unexcused for circumstances beyond their control.

Students who are absent during the three make-up days in February will be able to make up assignments, quizzes, and/or tests. High School principals will waive the exam exemption attendance requirement for these three days.

The Board realizes that families and employees schedule family vacation around Winter Break and we will exercise flexibility in order to meet the needs of our community. However, the rationale for rescheduling these days is to maximize instructional time for our students and to ensure our school district has every opportunity to continue to meet federal AYP requirements in accordance with the *Elementary & Secondary Education Act (formerly No Child Left Behind Act)*.

If your child will not attend school during any of the make-up days, be sure to send a signed written excuse to the principal of your school.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Bearden