

November 14, 2022

Dear Bonny Eagle Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

As winter weather approaches, I am writing to provide information about whole and partial school closings and remote instruction procedures.

### **School Cancellation**

We make our best determination after consulting with our Weather Advisor, Facilities and Transportation Directors, Road Commissioners and area superintendents. Due to the sheer geographic size of our district, there are often widely varying road conditions, so there may be an occasion when I will cancel or delay school when others around us may not, or when conditions at your location may not seem to match the decision made. I will err on the side of caution for the safety of students and staff. Important things to know:

1. Every effort will be made to make the decision to close school at or before 5:30 AM. The decision will be based on current information about the weather event, travel conditions, and condition of facilities.
2. The decision will be communicated through School Messenger, the School District 6 app (for IOS and Android), Facebook and local news outlets.
3. The Nutrition Department will NOT provide meals when school is **canceled**.
4. In certain circumstances, we may delay the opening of school to allow the town crews to plow, sand and salt the roads. ***If school is delayed in the morning on a Wednesday of a scheduled early release day, there will be NO EARLY RELEASE that day.***
5. Once school has started, I will make every effort to limit the necessity to call for an early dismissal. If early dismissal is necessary, the decision will be made before 10:00 AM whenever possible. Families will be notified through the methods listed above.
6. If you feel it is too dangerous for your child(ren) to attend school during inclement weather, you may decide to keep them home. Please notify the school so the absence may be excused and work can be made up without penalty.
7. Any school day that is canceled will be rescheduled at the end of the school year.
8. ***When school is closed for the day or dismissed early***, all MSAD 6 facilities will be closed. All after-school and evening school-sponsored activities and community use of school facilities ***will be canceled or postponed***. Per policy EBCE, the exception may be scheduled home and away interscholastic contests, which may be held if travel conditions are deemed to be safe as determined by the Superintendent, Facilities Director, Transportation Manager, and Activities Director.



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## **Remote School Day**

A significant factor this year is that due to a change in lunch reimbursement from the Federal School Nutrition Program, we are limited as to how many days we can hold remote instruction and be reimbursed for costs. As a result, we will be mixing traditional “snow days” with remote instruction days to limit extending our school year too far into the summer but also balancing costs to taxpayers. The intention of a remote school day is to maintain the continuity of instruction and limit the number of school days that must be made up in June to meet the 177 student days required by our District. For the Maine Department of Education to recognize remote school days, students must be provided access to the school nutrition program.

Important things to know:

1. Every effort will be made to make the decision for a remote instruction day at or before ***12:00 PM the day before.***
2. The decision will be communicated through School Messenger, the MSAD 6 app (for IOS and Android), Facebook and local news outlets.
3. The School Nutrition Department will prepare meals to go home with students whose families sign up for them. To [sign up](#) for Remote Day meals please fill out [this form](#). These meals will be distributed at school the day before.
4. Every effort will be made to ensure students, staff, and families are prepared for remote learning, including access to iPads and/or being provided with paper versions of assignments. The day will include a balance of age-appropriate engagement and on-line instruction which may include synchronous and asynchronous instruction, independent student work, and opportunities for questions and teacher feedback.
5. Specific Remote Instruction Plans will be shared by schools.
6. When school is remote for the day, all after-school and evening school-sponsored activities and community use of school facilities may be canceled or postponed depending on the circumstances. Events may be held if conditions are deemed to be safe by the Superintendent, Facilities Director, Transportation Manager, and Activities Director.

Currently, our last day of school is Thursday, June 15, with no canceled school days due to weather or any other factors. Every day of school that is canceled must be added to the end of the school year. It is my intention to use no-school “snow days” early in the season and use remote days as an option later in the winter. We will update the school calendar in the spring to reflect any changes. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,  
Clay Gleason  
Superintendent of Schools