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Dear Families,

As the winter season and the potential for school closure due to poor road conditions nears, the North Callaway R-1 School District would like to share with parents the ability of using Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) for up to 36 hours of instructional time. Last spring a survey was sent out to parents regarding the use of AMI days and we had 320 families respond and 82% of the families are in support of using AMI days during inclement weather.

On days we are able to use the AMI plan, it will eliminate the need to make up those days at a later date. Student attendance will be recorded on days when AMI are used and will be documented by the completion of assignments and/or online participation in activities and assignments. **100% of Work Completed=100% Attendance.**

It is our intention to only use the AMI plan if there is a forecast for a significant storm and we are able to plan and prepare students for at home instruction. For instructional information, students will use the SeeSaw (K-2) or Google Classroom (3-12) platform. Students using the Edgenuity platform will continue classwork as normal. Students without internet access may request a hotspot or paper packet. Please contact your child's teacher or school office for specific arrangements. At the same time that notification is made about school being cancelled, families will be told if we are or are not using the AMI plan on that day. News stations may use the term "virtual instruction" to indicate an AMI day.

When the District announces an AMI day, students are expected to complete lessons and activities assigned and turn them in on the next day of attendance. Assignments that can be completed and submitted electronically are due no later than the next day of attendance.

Being able to use alternative methods of instruction when the weather prevents us from being able to safely get to school can be a positive educational experience and can allow for academic progress to continue rather than having poor weather disrupt learning. We know families use Mondays to make appointments for your children and have made other plans based on the school calendar as well. The use of AMI can, to some extent, preserve the school calendar as it was planned.

Don't despair, this doesn't mean that your children won't ever have the thrill of waking up to find out there is no school. There will still be weather surprises, but the AMI plan can alleviate some of the need for weather make-up days.

Thunderbird Proud,

North Callaway Administration

"Ready Students with the Knowledge and Skills to Succeed."