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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

**Due to the predicted severe weather/snow, tomorrow, Thursday, December 17 will be a snow day.**

**Update on snow days:** As you may recall, the Board of Education voted to keep the practice of having traditional snow days. For the first three snow days of the year, we will not have school and students and teachers will not participate in remote learning.

Please note that during weeks that are scheduled for remote or distance learning, we will not have snow days unless there is a widespread power outage or other situation that impacts our ability to provide remote/distance learning instruction.

Berlin Public Schools has a fun tradition of trying to see who is best at making the snow day prediction call. For more information, we invite you to watch the [promotional video](#). Staff and students in grades 3-12 can log into their Google accounts and vote here: [Vote: http://tinyurl.com/cancellationcup](http://tinyurl.com/cancellationcup)

**Update to master school calendar:** Due to the particular demands that this year places on our extraordinarily dedicated teachers, the Board of Education approved an adjustment to the master school calendar to provide additional time for teacher collaboration and planning related to pacing, curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices. **Beginning on Wednesday, January 6, and continuing through March 31, we will operate on an early release schedule across the district every Wednesday.**

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools