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Dear Parent/Guardian:

With the cold weather already upon us, it is necessary to discuss the logistics of inclement weather days. Over the past several years, MSD of North Posey County has taken advantage of the Indiana Department of Education's Virtual Option for these days. Virtual Learning Days provide an opportunity to have students learn while at home to maintain learning momentum during the weather event, prevent additional make-up days, and add the option of staying safe during severe weather. In the event of snow, you will be contacted through the district's School Messenger system. The message will state that MSD of North Posey County will have a Virtual Learning Day due to inclement weather and the buildings will be closed. In addition to the School Messenger call, information about the Virtual Learning Day will be posted on the district's websites and through social media. Please read below for more details on how the Virtual Option for inclement weather will work. This year Canvas, the online learning platform, will be utilized across the district.

- Teachers will create lessons (learning bundles) that may include both digital and paper/pencil activities. Per IDOE requirements, the elementary learning bundles contain 5 hours of academic work and the secondary learning bundles contain 6 hours of academic work.
- Assignments and directions will be posted in Canvas. If the student is not using their Chromebook (such as students in grades K-2), a link to Canvas can be found on the district website under the "Resources" tab. Students will have 5 days to complete the Virtual Learning Day assignments.
- Per the state guidelines, all learning bundle assignments should be posted in Canvas by 9:00 a.m. on the Virtual Learning Snow Day.
- On the Virtual Learning Day, each school website will indicate the teacher's office hours and points of contact. Teachers will be available to support student learning through email, social media, or phone for a total of 4 office hours. Office hours should occur between 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. with the exact times chosen by the teacher.
- Teachers will not give traditional homework in addition to the Virtual Learning Day bundle.
- Attendance for students will be counted through the work submitted. This assigned work is mandatory as it replaces a scheduled day of school. Students are counted absent if no signs of work are completed.
- Extended school day opportunities will be made available for students without internet access at home. Contact your school for the date(s) and times.

More detailed information specific to your child's school will be coming soon.

Sincerely,

Dr. Angela J. Bender