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January 11, 2018

Dear FCSS Community:

I have been told by many superintendents that the decision to close school is stressful and difficult; they are correct! The decision is never made lightly, and the safety of our entire FCSS community – students, faculty and staff, and parents – is always the key factor.

As of now, the approved 2017-2018 school calendar has been interrupted seven times! Let us hope these interruptions are over; however, we still have the potential for adverse weather ahead. In the meantime, it is necessary to reclaim part of the valuable instructional time that has already been lost. To do this, we must utilize some of the district's designated "emergency" make up days.

Please plan for the following four dates to become regular school days for all personnel and students: **February 19-20** and **March 12-13**.

Reclaiming these days will make a difference by offsetting a portion of what has already been missed. Should future cancellations become necessary, some or all of the remaining make up days (March 30 and April 2-6) may become regular school days.

Be sure to contact your child's school or my office if you have questions. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Gwatney'.

Michael Gwatney, Ed.D.  
Superintendent