

# NEW MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Good afternoon,

We have been working to establish a new timeline and structure for the end of the school year based on the impact of last week's storm. I would like to thank all of those that have contacted me over the past week with ideas and concerns. Your input has been appreciated and has helped us understand the many perspectives facing us at the end of the year.

- The last day for all students will be Thursday, June 28. This provides a full 180 day school year.
- June 26, 27, and 28 will be early dismissal days for students, as we expect that the temperatures in most of our buildings will impact teaching and learning.
- New Milford High School Graduation will continue as scheduled on June 23.
- New Milford High School will be sending out a revised exam schedule later this afternoon.
- Schaghticoke Middle School will send out a revised schedule for 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion.

The district recognizes that the additional schools days will impact many family and community schedules for the last week in June. The CT State Department of Education has specific guidelines for what constitutes the school year and a school day. We did explore a waiver from the State Department to reduce the mandated 180 school days, however until the district has exhausted all other options and available days prior to July 1, there will be no waivers granted.

For those of you who were directly impacted by the storm, I hope that you are on the road to recovery. While it is likely that the altered end to the school year will pose challenges, please know that, to the extent possible, we are all going to work through the issues an extended school year presents.

I thank you for your understanding and patience as we navigate a successful end to the school year.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joshua D. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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