

February 14, 2019

To: Ashley School District Parents and School staff

From: Jeff Rohrer, Superintendent

Everyone knows we have missed a lot of school this winter. Thank you for your cooperation this past month. I have been in education since 1980. I don't remember ever having this many snow days in one year. Even though they may not admit it, most of the kids are ready to go back to school. As of February 13 we have missed 15 days. Families and staff need to be prepared to attend school beyond the scheduled calendar. In our original 2018.19 calendar, school was scheduled to end on June 12, 2019. As of today, February 13, 2019, we will have to attend school the following week. I am encouraging families not to make plans for the week of June 17-21. Later in the spring when we think weather days are over, we will inform everyone of the actual final dates.

We will not be changing Presidents weekend or spring break. The date of graduation, May 29, will not change. We currently have scheduled Good Friday in April and the Monday after Easter as no school days. We are considering holding school for a half day on Good Friday and a full day on Monday after Easter. This would reduce the number of days we have to make up in June. We will let families know in a few weeks about April 19 and 22.

In addition, please be aware the state has granted school districts in Gratiot County the ability to start the school year before Labor Day. Although the calendar has not been set yet, the 2019.20 school year may begin on August 26, 2019. We would not attend school the Friday before Labor Day. The actual calendar will be determined later this spring. Please keep this in mind when planning summer activities.

Thank you