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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kyle Guarrant, Deputy Superintendent *KG*

SUBJECT: Additional "Snow" Days

The Department has received several requests for additional "snow" days pursuant to the language in the State School Aid Act Section 101(4), (MCL 388.1701). Section 101(4) states that, "with the approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Department shall count as hours and days of pupil instruction...not more than six (6) additional days or the equivalent number of additional hours for which pupil instruction is not provided after April 1...due to unusual and extenuating occurrences resulting from conditions not within the control of school authorities..."

This is to advise that the State Superintendent, Mike Flanagan, will consider granting approval to count as instruction, days and hours described above when the following criteria are met:

- The event happened after April 1 as stipulated in statute
- School was cancelled for reasons beyond the school administration's control as stipulated in the statute
- The district has made up or scheduled days to make up for any days in excess of six (6) days cancelled on or before April 1
- The district will meet the required hour minimum (1,098 hours currently) in some combination of the hours associated with the days provided and the days forgiven

Of course, districts are first strongly encouraged to reschedule cancelled days whenever possible. To alleviate one concern districts have with adding a day to the end of the school calendar, 2014 PA 116 recently amended State School Aid Act Section 101 to lower the threshold for pupil attendance from 75% to 60% for days added on to the end of the school calendar.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. Questions or concerns related to this communication can be direct to Brian Ciloski at (517) 373-3352 or CiloskiB@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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