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MEMORANDUM

TO: DLC Parents

FROM: Janet L. Fike *JLF*

RE: Emergency Closing Days During the 2020 – 2021 School Year

DATE: November 19, 2020

The New Jersey Department of Education has recently determined that, since P.L. 2020, c.27 permits the use of remote instruction to meet the minimum 180-day school year requirement during the pandemic, districts now have the ability to count the days in which students and staff cannot be on site due to weather or other emergencies as part of the required 180 days of school as long as four hours of remote instruction are offered each day.

Therefore, in the event that the MUJC determines that an emergency condition exists which precludes the ability to have DLC students and staff in the building (i.e., snow days, icy mornings, an isolated lack of power in the buildings, etc.), I will send a message through Instant Alert as well as our website, Facebook, and Twitter stating that “Today, date, the DLCs will be having a remote instructional day.” A remote instructional day must be at least 4 hours of synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities. Please note that, since the DLC school day is already abbreviated, we will not be having 2-hour delayed openings. Rather, the day will be called a “remote instructional day” and students will have synchronous instruction as well as asynchronous instruction through Google Classroom.

By switching to remote learning when there are weather-related or other emergencies, our students will continue to consistently receive instruction throughout the school year and additional school days are not tacked on in June and potentially affecting the extended school year calendar.

However, in the event of an emergency situation such as widespread power outages when it is likely that the majority of our students and staff do not have power or cannot access remote instruction, the MUJC will use an “emergency closing day” and that day will be made up at the end of the year pursuant to our school calendar. In such a case, Instant Alert, the MUJC website, Facebook, and Twitter would state that “Today, date, is an emergency closing day at the DLC and MUJC and there will be no onsite or remote instruction.”

Thank you.

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