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Dear FCSS Community:

As I said in a similar letter dated January 11, the decision to close school is stressful and difficult. 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.

The additional closings since my January 11 letter mean the approved 2017-2018 school calendar has now been interrupted ten times. Although I hope these interruptions are over, the potential for adverse weather remains.

As I stated on January 11, it is necessary to reclaim part of the valuable instructional time that has been lost. I indicated that we must utilize some of the district's designated "emergency" make up days, including **February 19-20** and **March 12-13**, as regular school days for students and personnel. My January 11 letter also indicated that remaining make up days may be utilized, if needed. As a result of the most recent cancellations, **April 5-6** are now regular school days for all students and personnel.

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 2-4) 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