Superintendent’s Report –
Virtual Inclement Weather Day Plan Excerpt
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Virtual Inclement Weather Day Plan – Community Input SY 22-23

We value your input. The 2022-2023 school calendar includes 5 scheduled inclement weather days. As we plan for similar weather this year, BCPS would like to know if you prefer all inclement weather days to be school days or if you prefer we implement a hybrid plan that includes some virtual instruction days in the future. Please complete this survey by Friday, September 22, 2023. Input gathered will be used to inform our implementation plans.

1. Role in BCPS:
   - Staff
   - Elementary student
   - Secondary student (grades 6-12)
   - Parent/Guardian
   - Community Member

2. Do you value traditional snow days (schools are closed)?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Unsure

26,923 Responses
Community Input Survey Results

Survey Respondents:

- Community Member: 583
- Parent/Guardian: 1,661
- Secondary Student: 2,101
- Elementary Student: 590
- Staff: 6,988

Traditional Weather Days:

- Yes: 62%
- No: 26%
- Neutral: 12%
Community Input Survey Results

EXTEND THE SCHOOL YEAR
- Yes: 80%
- No: 14%
- Neutral: 6%

USE HOLIDAYS & SPRING BREAK
- Yes: 74%
- No: 19%
- Neutral: 7%
Community Input Survey Results

**Transition to Virtual After 5 Days**

- **Agree**: 70%
- **Disagree**: 22%
- **Neutral**: 8%

- Traditional snow days are valued by students, staff and families.
- Transition to virtual days is not the preferred method of learning for our students and youngest learners.
- Staff, students and parents do not want the school year to extend beyond Friday of the scheduled last week of school.
- Staff, students and parents are not in favor of reducing spring break.
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**Devices and Access to Wi-Fi**
- Devices-1:1 device ratio Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade
- Wi-Fi - Wireless hotspots to families; 3,000 student deployed hotspots

**Accommodations**
- Full continuum of educational services
- Academic, behavioral, functional living and strategies
- Related services
- Screening and evaluations (including Child Find)

**Communications**
- System communication via email, social media, telephone and website emergency alert
- Reminders to take devices and chargers home
- Stakeholder announcements

**MSDE Virtual Inclement Weather Day Requirements**
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- Minimum of four (4) hours of synchronous instruction for all students
- Attendance will be taken for all students and teachers
- Opportunities for students to makeup work missed during the virtual inclement weather day
- Virtual Inclement Weather Day Plan will be posted on website
- Virtual Inclement Weather Day Plan presented at a publicly accessible local school system board meeting
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Next Steps

Present proposal during October BOE meeting

Submit Plan to MSDE for approval

If approved, communicate approval to Team BCPS

Implement approved plan for 22-23 school year

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