

## **PARENT CARDINAL UPDATE – 01/18/24**

**Reminders -    Friday, January 19 - No School - Teacher Workday**  
**Friday, February 2 - Early Release for Teacher Professional Learning**  
**(ES @ 12:50 p.m. ~ MS @ 12:55 p.m. ~ HS @ 1:00 p.m.)**  
**Monday, April 1 - Possible Snow Day make-up, if necessary**

Brodhead Parents:

We have had several days of winter weather that have really taken their toll on school days. I wanted to reach out to families about requirements for school days and how decisions are made at Brodhead.

Districts and individual schools are required to meet for a certain number of hours each school year. Prior to 2013, there was a requirement for schools to be in session for 180 days each school year. In 2013 Act 257 was passed, changing the requirement from days of instruction to hours of instruction. Now, each school district Board shall annually schedule and hold at least 437 hours of direct pupil instruction in kindergarten, at least 1,050 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 1 through 6, and at least 1,137 hours of direct pupil instruction in grades 7 through 12.

In Brodhead, we schedule 174 student contact days each calendar year. Based on our hours of instruction in our buildings, our Middle School and High School have just over 4 days “built in” to their schedules and the Elementary School has 6.5 days. This means over the course of the year we can have weather related cancellations and delays/early dismissals and would not be required to make up those days.

As the last few weeks have passed with two school closings and two late starts, we are reaching the point where we will need to start thinking about making up hours of instruction. I have communicated in my past messages about using the Monday of Easter Break as a make-up day. This day is built into our school calendar if there is a need to make-up instructional hours. We have also used “virtual days” in the past, which would require students to attend virtually for a portion of the day.

We have a School Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, and will be discussing options moving forward. I will keep everyone informed about the Board’s decisions. We have a lot of winter left and will need to have a plan in place to make sure we are above those required hours of instruction.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (608) 897-2141 or by email at [dnovy@brodhead.k12.wi.us](mailto:dnovy@brodhead.k12.wi.us). As always, thank you for all you do to support the Brodhead School District.

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Respectfully,

David Novy, District Administrator