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TO: Maumee City School District Parents

FROM: Gregory Smith, Superintendent

I have been asked a number of questions about calamity (snow) days and at what point would Maumee need to start making up days. This school year (2014-15) is the “transition” year and the State of Ohio is requiring districts to transition from counting school days to counting hours. Districts are now required to comply with a minimum number of hours of “instructional time” instead of a minimum number of school days. There does, however, remain confusion at the state level as to which measure (days or hours) districts must follow in this transitional year.

To date, Maumee (district-wide) has been closed six (6) days and made up one (1) day on Thursday, February 5, 2015.

Earlier this school year, our School Board approved a Contingency Plan Resolution that speaks to current law requiring students to be scheduled for instruction for at least the same number of hours as in the 2013-14 school year.

Maumee has set five (5) make-up days as June 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 – should they become necessary. Parents are asked not to make summer plans for these days.

What follows is Maumee’s plan for addressing future calamity days this school year:

1. Beginning with Maumee’s sixth (6th) calamity day – which will be the next time we have to close school this year – teachers will be available from home or their classroom from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. to monitor their school e-mails and answer academic questions from parents and students. These days will be designated as Panther On-Line Academic Resource (POLAR) Days.
2. The need to actually have students make up instructional time will be reviewed if Maumee reaches the point that we have missed nine (9) days.