

# Caledonia Community Schools

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Dear Caledonia School Community,

Last month I provided communication regarding the likely extension of the school year in order to be compliant with state law in regards to the minimum number of school days. Today I would like to follow up with more information so that you can plan accordingly.

As of this communication, we have recorded 15 lost instructional days due to weather, plus one additional day (16) for both middle schools, Caledonia Elementary, and Duncan Lake ECC program.

We have already recaptured one lost instructional day by holding school on February 22nd (and March 22nd for Emmons Lake) instead of the planned Mid-Winter Break. Additionally, **I would like to remind parents that we will modify the calendar by shortening the Memorial Day break and having school on May 24th.** These two changes allow us to recapture two lost instructional days.

Since my February communication, we have received approval for three additional school day waivers from the Michigan Department of Education (the most that the state Superintendent is allowed to grant by law). With the additional days granted, nine of our 15 (16) days are forgiven, we have already planned for the recapture of two days and will extend the calendar as such for this year:

At this time, we are informing all staff, parents, and students of the additional calendar adjustment for the current school year:

- All schools will be in attendance on June 7th and June 10th, 11th, 12th.
- A half day of school will be held for Caledonia Elementary, Kraft Middle School, Duncan Lake Middle School and Duncan Lake ECC on June 13th. (Power loss make-up day)
- The make-up days for Emmons Lake will be June 7th, 13th, 14th, and 17th.

Given the unpredictability of Michigan weather, this calendar may be adjusted again. Furthermore, I believe that we are unlikely to see any legislative action with regards for additional school waiver days but we will revisit the calendar if this occurs.

Under recently revised law (MCL 388.1701) effective in the 16-17 school year, all districts must plan for 180 instructional days and no less than 1098 hours of instruction. This means that we cannot simply add minutes to the day as a substitute for lost instructional days/hours.

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Other important planning items:

- The High School graduation date and locations will remain as previously planned;
- The High School Interim schedule will remain the same;
- High school administration will make the determination for adjustment of the final exams schedule and will communicate this directly to H.S. students and parents at a later date;
- Our administration will work with each Middle School and Elementary building administrator to determine other necessary adjustments for various end of year trips, events, etc. as needed and these changes will be reported through the building administration;
- Again, Spring Break will not be canceled;

We hope that this clarification on the final day of school will provide you enough information to plan accordingly.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Dedrick Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the name.

Dr. Dedrick Martin  
Superintendent  
Caledonia Community Schools