

# Caledonia Community Schools

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Dear Caledonia School Community,

In March, I provided communication regarding the extension of the school year in order to be compliant with state law in regards to the minimum number of school days. We have recently learned that both the Senate and the House have passed HB 4206, which allows school districts to waive an additional four days (with MDE approval) for the 2018-2019 year, due to the polar vortex that sparked a statewide shutdown. While we are still awaiting the final details of this bill as well as the governor's signature, we are actively working with building administrations to make appropriate adjustments and finalize our school calendar for the remainder of this year.

As you recall from my previous communication, we lost 15 days of instruction and are required to make up 6 instructional days (7 for Caledonia El., DLMS, Duncan Lake ECC and KMMS) under current law. We have already recovered one of these six days in February (March for Emmons Lake) and plan to recover a second day on May 24th for all buildings.

It is our belief that once the governor signs this legislation into law and we secure an additional four day waiver from MDE, we will not be required to extend the school year and school can end on June 6th as originally planned for all buildings except for Caledonia El., DLMS, Duncan Lake ECC and KMMS who will be in attendance for a half day on June 7th due to the day of lost instruction from the power outage.

To simplify, we are informing all staff, parents, and students of the anticipated final calendar:

- All schools will be in attendance on May 24th to recapture the second lost instructional day as communicated in March.
- CHS, DE, KL, and Paris Ridge last school day will be a full school day on June 6th.
- A half day of school will be held for Caledonia Elementary, Kraft Middle School, Duncan Lake Middle School and Duncan Lake ECC on June 7th. (Power loss make-up day)
- Emmons Lake last day will be a full day of school on June 12th.

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;

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- High school exams will take place May 29, 30 and 31st. More specific information will be shared with parents directly from the high school;
- Our administration will reconnect 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;

We hope that this re-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 long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Dr. Dedrick Martin  
Superintendent  
Caledonia Community Schools