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Dear Fraser Families,

As you know, Michigan weather can be unpredictable, and this winter has been exceptional with regard to inclement weather days. To date, we have experienced seven school closures (January 23, 28, 29, 30, 31 and February 6 and 12), and the possibility exists to have more before the winter is over.

As we have stated before, we take the job of closing school seriously. Our decision is made in the best interest of our students and staff and their safety. Given the recent closures, we have received numerous inquiries with regard to the number of cancellation days that the State of Michigan allows.

The Michigan Department of Education requires a minimum number of instructional hours for students, and those differ depending on level (elementary, middle, and high school). Each closure means lost instructional time for our students. **We have already changed the Early Release scheduled for February 28 to a full day at Fraser High School only.**

School districts have the option to apply for a waiver if they exceed the six allowed days. Fraser Public Schools will be applying for this waiver. If at any point we learn that our district will need to extend our school year beyond the scheduled last day of school, we will notify our families and staff immediately. Should there be a need for an extension of the school calendar, it would not apply to those students who are graduating.

We thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Carrie Wozniak  
Superintendent

*“A caring district — working together”*