



Huntington Union Free School District

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James W. Polansky

Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Students/Staff/Parents:

Due to the loss of instructional time during and following the recent storms, we are forced to make calendar adjustments in order to meet the minimum 180-school day state requirement. Upon my recommendation, the Board approved the following changes at its November 19 meeting:

- School will be in session Monday through Friday, February 18–22, 2013.
- School will be in session on Monday, March 25, 2013. (Note: School remains in session on Monday, April 1, 2013, as designated on the initially approved calendar.)
- School will be in session on Friday, May 24, 2013.

Please note that should there be any additional weather events this winter that force the closing of our schools, we will be required to review the calendar once again and consider converting one or more of the remaining spring recess vacation days (i.e., March 26–29) to instructional days.

There has been some unofficial conversation regarding the potential for a school-day waiver opportunity to be granted by the Commissioner of Education. According to NYSED regulations, *a school district would be eligible for such a waiver only after using any and all available scheduled vacation days*. Regardless, it is important that our students be provided with the opportunity to make up for lost time in the classroom.

I understand that this may interfere with vacation plans, but unfortunately we must react following an unprecedented weather-related situation. Please accept my gratitude for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely

James W. Polansky
Superintendent of Schools