April 5, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of some changes that will impact two days that were listed as Spring Break days on the District Calendar. We will be using Thursday, April 9, and Monday, April 13, 2020, as instructional days for students, so online classes will be held on both days. These days were designated on the District Calendar as snow make up day, and we will be using the two days to reduce the number of snow days we may have to make up at the end of the school year.

Also, regarding the last day of school for the 2019-2020 school year, that date is still very much tentative as I await further direction and guidance from the PA Department of Education on this issue. Currently, we have added the first two weeks, 10 school days, of COVID-19 school closures onto the end of the school year, because there are still many unanswered questions on how failing to complete a 180-day school year could impact the District and our students. Our last day of school is now tentatively scheduled for June 17, but there are many factors that may yet impact how days are counted for students. We are waiting for more direction from PDE before making any additional adjustments to the calendar.

I will update you of any other changes to the calendar when those decisions can be made. I’ve attached a copy of the current District Calendar for your review.

As reminder for those families who still may not have a computer or device available at home for their children to use to access the District’s online home learning programs and resources, requests for ChromeBooks should be emailed to your children’s school principals.

I know it is very hard to continue to stay home and social distance from elderly parents, grandparents and other relatives, especially with the very significant holy days of Easter, Passover, Ramadan and other religious holidays taking place in April. As hard as it is, we need you to please continue to stay safe, stay healthy and stay home. We are all in this together, so please continue to be PMSD Strong.

Sincerely,

Dr. Elizabeth Robison
Superintendent of Schools
Pocono Mountain School District
2019-2020 School Calendar

August
20 New Teacher Orientation
21 First Day for Teachers - In-Service 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
22 In-Service - Teachers in Session 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
26 First Day for Students
30 Labor Holiday - Schools Closed

September
2 Labor Holiday - Schools Closed
October
14 Columbus Day - School Closed
30 End of 1st Marking Period (Tentative)
November
14 Parent-Teacher Conferences (K-12) 5:30PM-8:30PM
15 (Act 80) Parent-Teacher Conferences Grades K-12 Schools Closed 8:00AM-2:30PM
27 2 Hour Student Early Dismissal Grades K-12
29 Thanksgiving Holiday -Schools Closed
29 Thanksgiving Holiday -Schools Closed

December
2 Thanksgiving Holiday -Schools Closed
23 Winter Recess-Schools Closed
24 Winter Recess-Schools Closed
25 Winter Recess-Schools Closed
26 Winter Recess-Schools Closed
27 Winter Recess-Schools Closed
30 Winter Recess-Schools Closed
31 Winter Recess-Schools Closed

January
1 Winter Recess-Schools Closed
20 Martin Luther King Holiday - Schools Closed
23 End of 2nd Marking Period (Tentative)
February
14 In-Service - Teachers in Session 8:00 AM - 3:30PM
Schools Closed for Students
17 President’s Day-Schools Closed
21 (Act 80) Parent-Teacher Conferences Grades K-12 Schools Closed 8:00AM-3:30PM

March
4 (Act 80) - Special 3 Hour Student Early Dismissal
30 Act 80 Day - Professional Development - Schools Closed
31 Act 80 Day - Professional Development - Schools Closed

April
1 Act 80 Day - Professional Development - Schools Closed
10 Spring Recess-Schools Closed
14 End of 3rd Marking Period (Tentative)

May
13 (Act 80) - Special 3 Hour Student Early Dismissal
14 Columbus Day - School Closed
25 Memorial Day-Schools Closed
June
17 Last Day for Students (Tentative)
18 In-Service - Teachers in Session 8:00 AM - 3:30PM

Delays, Early Dismissals, Closures
- 2/10 .......................... 2 Hr Delay
- 2/17 .......................... 2 Hr Early Dismissal
- 2/19 .......................... 2 Hr Delay
- 3/16 - 20 ................. Closed
- 8/21, 8/22, 2/14, 6/18

Teacher In-Service Days
8/21, 8/22, 2/14, 6/18

Tentative Marking Periods
End of 1st Marking Period  October 30
End of 2nd Marking Period  January 23
End of 3rd Marking Period  April 14
End of 4th Marking Period  June 17

Parent Teacher Conferences
All Grades K-12
November 14  5:30 PM to 8:30 PM
November 15 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM
All Grades K-12
February 21  8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Total Student Days – 180
Total Staff Days – 184

Snow Make Up Days in Order of Usage
June 2, 3, 4, 5

According to Section 15-1502 of the PDE Codes and Regulations, after the use of these make up days, if additional make up days are necessary due to inclement weather or other emergency situations, the following days will become school in session days in the following order:

- February 17, 2020
- April 9, 2020
- April 13, 2020

This school calendar is subject to revisions due to school cancellations and district closures.
Approved by the PMSD Board of Education on June 19, 2019. Revised April 2, 2020