



HACKETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Hackett School District Parents/Guardians:

Due to COVID-19, our district like many of the districts across the state, has been offering multiple instructional options for our students including hybrid and virtual learning. The added options for students has created an added burden on our classroom teachers as well. They are managing their physical classrooms while also maintaining their virtual classrooms, which is a very time-consuming challenge. Most of you are probably already aware of this due to many related national and local news reports that have surfaced pertaining to teacher stress and burnout. In an effort to help our teachers with their added workloads, we are adding some optional student virtual days to our school calendar that will give teachers an opportunity to catch up with their virtual students and catch up on assignments that have been submitted for grading. The optional virtual days will be Dec. 11, Jan. 22, Feb. 5, Feb. 19, March 5, April 2, April 16, May 7, and May 21. On these selected Fridays, we ask that you allow your child to do their work from home virtually if possible. However, if you need to send your child to school on those days, you are allowed to do so and school buses, cafeteria, and all school services will still take place on those days. Thank you in advance for your help on behalf of our teachers that are working extremely hard during these unusual times to educate your children.

Sincerely,

The Hackett School District Administration