



Mooresville Snow Make Up Causes Calendar Changes

The unusually harsh weather this year has caused a change to the Mooresville Schools second semester calendar, with students attending classes on two previously scheduled holidays.

Already this school year students have missed six days of school (Dec. 6, Jan. 6-10). Two of these days (Jan. 6-7) are eligible for a waiver from the Indiana Department of Education and will not be required to be made up. The remaining four days will be made up on Martin Luther King Day (Monday, Jan. 20), President's Day (Monday, February 17), Friday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 27.

The decision to change the holidays into full school days was made after a recommendation by Interim Superintendent Dr. Larry Moore and the Mooresville Classroom Teachers Association, and approved by the school board during the meeting held January 9.

"After the waiver we will have four make up days, which would put us in school almost a full week after Memorial Day," said Dr. Moore.

The board and administrators believe that it is in best interest of students to make up the missed days prior to spring ISTEP testing as well as high school AP and ECA testing. This will also leave room for three more potential make up days prior to graduation. Moore acknowledged some families may already have plans for the holidays. "If families have already made plans we understand," said Moore. "We can't count their child as in attendance if they are not, but we will understand."

"We know not everyone will be happy with this decision, but I think this will be best," said Mooresville School Board President Dr. Bill Roberson. "With the amount of bad weather we've already experienced and the forecasts, this doesn't look like a good winter."

This is an unusual situation, and the result of having school on national holidays will only effect the 2013-2014 school year. To keep in mind that the two days are still holidays, Dr. Roberson and the board have asked the teachers to use the days to honor the national holidays with the students at schools.

The updated calendar is available on the Mooresville Schools website at www.MooresvilleSchools.org under the "calendar" tab.