



CHARITON Community School District

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Dear Chariton Community School District (CCSD) Parents,

This year the Iowa legislation allows schools to use a virtual learning option in the event of an emergency school closure, such as inclement weather. At the November 20th School Board meeting, the CCSD School Board voted to allow the administrators to use these virtual days when deemed necessary. Although we can't control the weather, this plan will be used in an attempt to prevent extending the school year as much as possible into June.

We plan to do a virtual learning day on December 22nd as a practice day to gather information in order to make plans for future days if necessary. This day is already scheduled as a three-hour early out and our virtual day will be in that format. At this point, we only plan on using virtual learning days when the weather forecast gives us time to prepare and communicate it in advance to everyone involved.

Here is an example of how and when a virtual learning day may be used. Scenario - It is Wednesday, and the forecast does not favor having school the next two days. We would send out a message to all parents that if the weather is not favorable to attend school in person, we will be having a virtual learning day. We would also send all appropriate materials, devices, and instructions home with our students. When Thursday comes, if you have not heard from the school via a Parents Square message, then school is in session like normal. If the weather is not favorable to attend, you WILL receive a message through Parent Square that the district will have a virtual learning day and students should stay home. I will try to communicate this information to everyone involved as soon as the decision is made.

Please remember that virtual learning does not look the same at the elementary and secondary levels. Building Principals and staff will give students and parents further information and direction to help ensure this experience is valuable in the learning process. You will hear from them about how it will look at your students' particular level in the near future. This communication intends to inform you of the change and philosophy behind our decision as a school district.

Sincerely,

Brad Baker, Chariton Community Schools Superintendent

Successful learning for ALL students.