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Virtual Learning Days

During the winter of 2013, Indiana experienced unusually harsh weather that forced our Corporation to close schools for several days. The subsequent loss of instructional time caused many challenges for our school community. As we began to research alternative options to prevent these challenges from recurring, we took notice of a new opportunity provided by the Indiana Department of Education. Known as the Inclement Weather Virtual Learning Option, it allows schools to provide learning activities at home on days that school buildings are closed due to weather. This option is only available to school corporations who provide a mobile technology device, such as a laptop computer for every student, and who are approved by the Indiana Department of Education. We are happy to announce that our Corporation has been approved! This letter should answer any questions you might have about how Logansport High School will conduct its virtual learning days should we experience the kind of weather that would force us to close school.

Although we initially provided laptops to all students, we understand that not all families have Internet access. By the same token, some students might have their device in for repair, and some may have had them taken away due to some disciplinary issue. It is important for parents to know that we have tried to cover all our bases so that all students will be able to participate in virtual learning days. **If your student has any difficulties accessing his or her online curriculum from home currently, he or she must communicate this with his or her teacher as soon as possible.** The questions listed below should answer any question you might have. If something does come up, however, please don't hesitate to contact me at 753-0441, ext. 4231 or by email at jonesm@lcsc.k12.in.us.

1. What are virtual learning days?

Virtual learning will occur on days when school is closed due to inclement weather. The work that will be assigned is simply a continuation of what students would typically do if they were at school. Through the learning management system, Schoology, our main mode of digital communication, students will be able to access their assignments and communicate with their teachers.

2. What will happen on virtual learning days?

On the day of a school closing, teachers will ensure that assignments are accessible on Schoology by 9:00AM. Ideally, students will work on assignments and, if necessary, communicate with their teachers through the program. **For attendance, students are required to check-in with their teachers either via email, Schoology, etc. If students do not have access to the Internet, they need to call the**

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3. How many hours is my child expected to work on virtual learning days?

There is no set schedule. Working at their own pace, students are expected to complete all assigned lessons by the next school day.

4. What happens if my student needs assistance with his or her work?

Teachers will be available for instruction and assistance from 8:00AM-3:10PM on virtual learning days, and can be contacted for questions and comments in several ways. They may be reached online through Schoology, by email, or by calling Logansport High School at 753-0441 and leave a voicemail (see above).

5. What happens if my child is having technical difficulties with the laptop?

If a student experiences any technical difficulties, he or she should submit a help-desk ticket through Destiny, including their contact information. Instructions are available on the LHS Website (At top, under For Students). An LCSC technology specialist will contact your student as soon as possible. In the instance that your student is unable to access any of their work, contact the Logansport High School main office at 753-0441 between 8AM-3:10PM and our secretary will transfer the call to technology.

6. What happens if I do not have Internet access and inclement weather is predicted?

Teachers will have your student download a current lesson the day before inclement weather is predicted. If your student does not have a laptop, a hard copy of the lesson will be provided.

7. What happens if I do not have Internet access and inclement weather is NOT predicted?

Teachers have created emergency lesson plans and assignments that will be made available to all students for download. These lessons will be placed on the hard drive of their laptops and will not require Internet connection to access. All students will have this available to them in case there is an interruption in service due to the weather. For those students who have no laptops, paper packets will be provided.