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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

The weather forecast for Tuesday, March 14, is currently calling for 18+ inches of snow in our area. Based on this forecast it would seem impossible to have a full day of school on March 14 and that amount of accumulation would most likely result in at least a delay on March 15 to facilitate storm clean-up. However, March 15 is currently a scheduled early release day for students which means that a two hour delay would result in a cancellation.

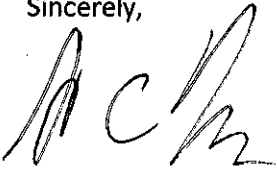
Therefore, in an effort to avoid cancelling two days of school, **we will run the early release schedule on Tuesday, March 14 and a normal school day on Wednesday, March 15.** By switching these two days it gives us the most options to hopefully have at least one day of school.

We will continue to monitor the forecast, and we may ultimately still end up cancelling school on Tuesday, and we will determine if a delay or cancelation would be required on Wednesday. I understand a late schedule switch like this may be an inconvenience; we are just trying to give ourselves the most options to avoid losing two days of school prior to MCAS testing.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that only you know the weather conditions and circumstances for your home address and your individual student. Whatever decisions that we make based on our conversations with the towns and the bus company will be made with student safety in mind. However, if you feel that your circumstances warrant keeping your student home on either of these days, please follow the procedure for calling in an absent student and inform us that it is weather related and it will be excused.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We will use the OneCall system, TV stations, Facebook, and our website to communicate weather related changes as we make those decisions. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at (978) 249-2400.

Sincerely,



Steven C. Meyer