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TO: PARENTS & GUARDIANS

FROM: MR. MUNZ

DATE: WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8, 2020

RE: FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION DAYS

Dear Parents & Guardians,

A Flexible Instruction Day (FID) Program is a tool available to school entities to be used as an alternate approach to deliver instruction if circumstances arise that prevent instruction in a customary manner. With the passage of Act 64 of 2019, section 1506, school entities now have the opportunity to develop a Flexible Instructional Day program, enabling the school entity to meet the 180 instructional day requirement of section 1501. The FID program may be online, offline, or a combination of the two. FIDs can support the school entity when circumstances (e.g. A hazardous weather condition, a disease epidemic, a law enforcement emergency, the inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school entity's operation, damage to a school building or temporary school circumstances rendering any portion of a school building unfit or unsafe for use) prevent delivery of instruction in its customary manner or location. If the school entity chooses to implement an FID program, the number of Flexible Instructional days may not exceed five (5) days per school year. Schools will be required to fill out an application to identify how the Flexible Instruction Day will be implement at your school, adhering to specific state guidelines.

St. Margaret of Scotland School has adopted the following Flexible Instruction Day Plan. To make up days missed due to any of the above stated circumstances, e.g. hazardous weather conditions, we will be utilizing days that are already scheduled off in our School Calendar as Flexible Instruction Days: President's Day (2/17/20), Easter Monday (4/13/20), Primary Election Day (4/28/20). Parents/students/employees will be notified in advance that the day scheduled off will now be made-up as a Flexible Instruction Day. They will be notified via the school newsletter and through our Option C Parent Alert System. Teachers will assign activities for the students to complete at home, the day prior to the Flexible Instruction Day, for all classes they teach during that day based on their current curriculum. Assignments will also be posted on the Message Board of Option C. Teachers will be available to answer any questions that the parents or students may have via their school email from 8:30AM – 11:30AM and from 12:30PM – 3:00PM. Teachers will respond to emails immediately during that time in the order that they are received. Students will have the responsibility to complete all assignments given for all classes that they may have during the given school day that is used as the Flexible Instruction Day, e.g. Religion, Reading, English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Computer, Art, Music, Spanish, Health, Physical Education. Students will have 3 days to complete the assignments that were given. If assignments are complete and turned in within the 3-day requirement, students will be marked present for that day, if they do not, they will be marked absent and assignments will be considered incomplete. Please contact the school office with any questions or concerns in regards to Flexible Instruction Days.

Many Blessings,

Mr. Munz