March 19, 2014

Dear Families,

As you know, we had another snow day and a delay last week. This additional day has become problematic. Adding another day to the end of the school year worked for most students. However, it was a major issue with our seniors.

Graduation is scheduled for Sunday, June 1st. It is too late to reschedule that date. Families and have plans and changing the date is not feasible. When we had originally added an additional day, high school administrators had scheduled a makeup day for seniors on the Saturday prior to graduation.

Now that we have added another day, we have run out of options to continue to add those days without having seniors return after graduation. The state had provided several options to corporation to make up snow days. These include:

1. Use scheduled snow make up days
2. Add additional days at the end of the school year
3. Add time to the school day
4. Virtual learning

We have used all of our snow days and we cannot offer virtual learning at this time. This leaves us with option #3. Administrators have proposed an additional 30 minutes per day and teachers voted on the options (2 and 3.) The majority recommended the additional time.

**Beginning Wednesday, April 9th, 30 minutes will be added to the school day. This means that dismissal will be at 3:05 p.m**. Adding the additional time allows us to end the school year as originally planned:

 Thursday, May 29th Last Student Day

 Friday, May 30th Last Teacher Day

It also gives us a small cushion in case we have another cancellation. Teachers will use the additional time for instruction and/or remediation.

I truly appreciate your flexibility during all these weather related issues. I’ve been in education for many years and it’s unprecedented. Next year, graduation is schedule for June 7th ….just in case.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s school or me should you have any questions. Have a safe and well deserved spring break! March 20th is spring…let’s hope the weather cooperates!

Sincerely,

Lynn Johnson, Ed. S.

Superintendent

Cc: Principals

 School Board Members

*Approved by the North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees*

*March 18, 2014*