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Dear WCSD Community,

We started off the last month of the calendar year with a snow storm utilizing one emergency day. As the District utilizes emergency days we will provide you with a chart that outlines the days that have been used as emergency days and the days that may have to be made up in the event that the District exceeds the five emergency days built into the calendar. As of today, please see the chart below:

<b>EMERGENCY DAYS</b>	<i>Monday, December 2</i>	
<b>SCHOOL DELAYS</b>	<i>Tuesday, December 3</i>	
	<i>Tuesday, November 19</i>	
<b>EARLY DISMISSALS</b>		

Districts devote a tremendous amount of time and effort related to school security matters. WCSD continues to train staff and to develop safety plans and other measures to provide the utmost safety and security possible for all of our students and staff. In addition, Assistant Superintendents Cardwell and Lolkema will be setting up parent workshops for parents about security awareness and the processes and steps taken to ensure security in the schools. It is beyond comprehension that many schools throughout the country continue to face awful and devastating tragedies. The sadly overwhelming number of articles, videos, trainings, vendors, and security companies, which have increased in recent years, is another indication of the shift in education. This is a complex and delicate matter. The more we are able to work together to understand the measures taken around security, the more all parties involved will gain a better understanding of the intricacies involved in school security.

While the 2019 calendar year is coming to a close on December 31, the first half of our 2019-2020 school year will be coming to a close on January 31, 2020. (As of February 1st our high school students will be entering into their second semester and all students entering the third marking period). Now, December marks the month for many winter holiday concerts, events, and productions. Please note that in the event of inclement weather, the majority of these events have an alternative date listed on our district website as well as on each individual school webpage. As we continue to fill our school calendars with all of the wonderful events that will take place, our teachers continue to provide students with their best teaching tools and strategies to nurture student-centered classrooms. WCSD takes great pride in their building-level administrators and teaching staff, as well as all of our building-level support staff.

This is the time of the year where many decide to create new resolutions for themselves. A continued resolution for WCSD is to ensure that we live by our Mission Statement and Core Values in order to provide our students with meaningful, engaging, relevant and fun learning opportunities. As an entire community, let's continue to work together so that we can build a learning community that is safe and secure for all students.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the Senior Staff Administration, please allow me to thank you for your commitment to our students. Please also join me in looking forward to the great things we can expect from our students in the year 2020. We wish you all a restful and safe holiday and a very Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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