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**Dear Parents:**

As you are aware, Haysville USD 261's elementary schools have been closed 5 days due to weather conditions in January and February. Ruth Clark Elementary School missed an additional day due to a power outage from the storms last September.

The Kansas State Department of Education requires schools to have a specific number of hours of instruction during the school year. Due to our school closures, the elementary schools do not have enough time remaining this year to meet the required hours of instruction.

The District's high school and two middle schools have extra days built into their schedules and, at this time, do not need additional instruction time to meet state requirements.

Below is information about what must be done to make up the missed instructional time for the **remainder** of the school year, starting Monday, February 28:

- Students at Freeman, Nelson, Rex, Oatville, and Prairie Elementary Schools must add 10 minutes a day to the time students are in their classrooms. Classroom instruction will begin at 8:20 a.m.
- Students at Ruth Clark Elementary must add 15 minutes a day to the time students are in their classrooms. Classroom instruction will begin at 8:15 a.m.

There is no change in time students will be transported to and from school by the USD 261 Transportation Department.

- Students will be picked up at their bus stops at the usual time.
- Breakfast will be served in the school cafeterias at approximately the usual time.
- Students will be dismissed from school at the usual time.

Haysville USD 261 is adding instructional time to each day instead of adding days to the school calendar.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,  
Dr. John Burke, Superintendent  
Haysville USD 261