

TUSSEY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent

MR. MATTHEW MCCAHAN, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

MS. BROOKE KURTZ, MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we begin to move closer to winter, we will soon be experiencing the possibility of winter weather that could lead to cancellations, delays, and other schedule disruptions. The Pennsylvania Department of Education allows school districts to utilize up to five flexible instruction days per school year, as an alternate approach to deliver instruction if a circumstance arises that prevents instruction to be delivered in the physical school building. The Tussey Mountain School District intends to utilize flexible instruction days, as needed, during the 23-24 school year.

In the event that a flexible instruction day is intended to be used, teachers will send devices and materials home with students in *advance*; this must occur in order for us to be able to utilize a flexible instruction day. Parents and families will receive notification via the district's automated messaging system when a flexible instruction day is utilized. On a flexible instruction day, teachers will deliver instruction through live sessions. Teachers will provide students with links for the live sessions through Canvas and/or through Google Classroom or another form of video conferencing. Students will be held accountable to participate in the live instruction and complete any and all assignments that are assigned during the live instruction.

Students will be expected to participate in the live sessions offered during a flexible instruction day and student attendance will be reflected in the daily attendance record for each student during each period of the day. If there is an exceptional circumstance that prevents a student from participating in a live session, please report this to your child's teacher(s). Since participation in the live sessions will be reflected in student attendance, and the day counts as an instructional day, any student that is absent will be required to submit an excuse for the absence upon return to school, which is the same protocol for any other student absence.

If a flexible instruction day is used, Tussey Mountain Middle School and Senior High School students will follow their regularly scheduled classes during the day. Please contact the Middle/Senior High School Office at 814-635-2975 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Brooke Kurtz & Matthew McCahan

Middle School Principal & High School Principal

Tussey Mountain Middle/Senior High School