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Dear Parent/Guardian,

It seems like every few years we have a snow and ice event that closes schools down across the state. This year has not disappointed when it comes to winter weather for sure. I would like to thank all of our weather watchers who check in with the district about road conditions during the wee hours of the morning. Helping us make informed decisions about school closures.

As you may already know, schools in Oregon have a minimum hour requirement to meet in order to have a "standard" school year. We often think of this in school days, but in reality a district must provide 990 hours of instruction to high schoolers and fewer hours for K-8. Because of the length of our school year we do have some hours built into our calendar that we can cancel without having to make up.

However, after our recent closures the district needs to make up 29 hours of instruction. Luckily, we have 87 days in the second semester to recoup those hours. That is roughly 20 minutes a day that we must adjust our 2nd semester schedule for.

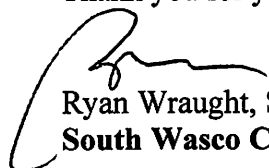
The middle school and high school will be adjusting passing periods and adding that time to classroom instruction, as well as adding a few minutes to our elective periods during 7th and 8th period. In order to do this we will need to add a few minutes to the end of the day; making our **release time 3:21pm**. (Early Release at 2:25 pm)

In the K-5 grades, in order to have a standard school year the district must provide 900 hours of instruction. As we have one school calendar and have one bus route after school, **K-5 students will be released from school at 3:21 pm as well**. (Early Release at 2:25 pm)

In addition, in order to allow students to catch up on coursework, we will be **using next week to finish up semester one classes, before we begin semester two classes on Feb. 5th**

With these adjustments we are back on track to meet the minimum instructional hour requirements for the state.

Thank you for your support as we move into the second half of the year.



Ryan Wraught, Superintendent
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