



HIGHLAND FALLS-FORT MONTGOMERY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Michael McElduff, Superintendent of Schools

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To The Highland Falls – Fort Montgomery School Community,

When we build our district calendar, there are several New York State regulations that must be followed. Public schools cannot be in session on federal holidays, nor can we include student days in August or July to meet the required days for instruction. The last day of school is also determined by the Board of Regents and the New York State Education Department based on the Regents exams.

As we reflect on the weather throughout the State and our area, the weather patterns this year have been a challenge. While cold, we actually had a fairly mild winter, and were fortunate that a number of storms missed us during the school year. However, we had to use multiple emergency days at James I. O'Neill only, due to a blown transformer in the community and an HVAC issue. These emergency closings did not affect HFIS and FMES.

The school calendar for 2023-2024 included 4 days for possible weather or other emergency closure days, 3 staff development days, and time for parent/teacher conferences. Because we have not yet used the four days set aside for weather emergencies at the **Highland Falls Intermediate School and the Fort Montgomery Elementary School**, we need to revise the calendar and schedule an additional day for school to be **closed only at HFIS and FMES**.

In consideration of these factors we are closing school one additional day at HFIS and FMES ONLY on Tuesday, June 4, 2024. Please note, JIO will be in session as it is a **Regents Testing Day**. The JIO administration will share further details about the regents testing days as they get closer.

The building principals will send reminders to you regarding the school calendar. These dates, as well as any subsequent changes, will be posted on our website www.hffmcsd.org. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards,

Michael McElduff
Superintendent of Schools

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