

February 24, 2025

Dear Ladysmith Families,

As we reflect on this winter season, we recognize the challenges that the recent snowstorms and inclement weather have posed, particularly regarding our school schedule. Like many districts across Wisconsin, we have experienced multiple cold days this winter, which have impacted our instructional time.

When the 2024-2025 calendar was adopted it included two inclement weather days. Those days were utilized during the cold days we had in January. Since then, we have experienced a two hour delay and another full day of school cancellation due to weather. In accordance with state regulations that are based on minutes of instruction, we are required to make up lost instructional time at the middle and high school level. At this time, the elementary school still has adequate instructional time.

After careful review and consideration, we have implemented the following changes to our calendar:

- **April 21, 2025 will now be a full instructional day for grades 6-12.** (Note: Elementary students will still not attend on this day. There is a professional development training scheduled at the elementary school on this date and can not be changed.)
- **Beginning with Wednesday, May 7,** the late starts at the middle and high school that occur on Wednesdays will be canceled and school will begin at its normal time (8:05 a.m.).

Additionally, due to the lost instructional time during the second trimester, **we are rescheduling the early release that was originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2025. The new date for this early release will be Friday, March 7, 2025.** Friday, March, 7 will now be the end of Trimester 2. Trimester 3 will begin on Monday, March 17 (after Spring Break).

If there are any additional inclement weather days for the remainder of this school year, the last day of the school year may be modified.

We understand that changes to the school schedule may cause inconvenience, and we appreciate your flexibility and cooperation as we ensure that our students complete the necessary instructional hours required by the state. Some of the changes that were proposed to the 2025-2026 school calendar were designed to provide us with an additional buffer so we can hopefully avoid the need for changes to the calendar next year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's school.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to provide the best education possible for our students.

Sincerely,



Jason LeMay
District Administrator