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Dear RSU 23 Community,

I wanted to send this memo out to our district community before the snow starts falling and I have to make decisions on whether or not to postpone school due to weather conditions. Generally, we will make our decision in conjunction with the Saco, Biddeford, and Dayton school departments. Our transportation schedule and student attendance at the Regional Center of Technology in Biddeford are tied together with these other districts. On days we don't have school we will send out an automated call to all district community members. I will email all staff, and the news will also be posted on our Websites, Facebook, and Twitter accounts. Television channels 6, 8, and 13, will also have the information.

In order to stay aligned with area districts, we will be having true snow days for the first three inclement weather days, with no remote learning. We will make up these days at the end of the year. If we use any more than three days, those days will be remote learning days and will not need to be made up at the end of the year. This will ensure that our school year will end on Friday, June 13th, at the latest, if we use three or more days.

On days that we do have school and it is snowing or has snowed overnight, our sidewalks may not be plowed in time for our walkers coming to school. I have contacted the town office, and asked that public works make the sidewalks from Walgreens to 7-11 (school side of the road first), Union Ave, and Smithwheel Road a top priority for our walking students. If this is a concern and you are worried about your child walking on these days, please contact your child's school and we will arrange transportation. If you have any questions please give me a call at 934-5751. Thanks and I'm hoping for a mild winter!

Sincerely,

John Suttie

RSU 23 Superintendent of Schools

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