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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Mountain View School District recently received notice that our Flexible Instructional Day (FID) program application submitted to the Future Ready Comprehensive Planning team at the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has been accepted. Flexible Instructional Days allow public school districts to deliver (normal) instruction in the event something happens that would otherwise prevent (normal) instruction from taking place with approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).

The Mountain View School District will implement this program beginning in the 2021-2022 school year and may choose to use five (5) FIDs in each of the approved school years (through 2023-2024). The PDE will gather feedback from Mountain View School District on the experiences and best practices of the program in a mandatory survey, which will be sent annually.

What is a Flexible Instructional Day?

For the next three school years, the Mountain View School District may choose to use one or more flexible instructional days to allow for (normal) instruction to continue in the event of inclement weather or another emergency that might normally have interrupted instruction. The Mountain View School District will notify students and their families using the same platforms for a "traditional snow day".

Do you want to learn more about Flexible Instructional Days?

With the passage of Act 64 of 2019 (Act 64), Section 1506 (24 P.S. §15-1506) was added to the Pennsylvania Public School Code (School Code), enabling public school entities the opportunity to develop a FID program to meet the 180 instructional day requirement of Section 1501 of the School Code (24 P.S. §15-1501). A FID program may be online, offline, or a combination of the two. Act 64 defines a public school entity as a school district, intermediate unit, career and technical school, charter school or regional charter school, as defined under section 1703-A.

While public schools are expected to build make-up days into their school calendars, FID programs can support the public school in cases when circumstances prevent the delivery of (normal) instruction for any of the following reasons: an epidemic, a hazardous weather condition, a law enforcement emergency, the inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the public school entity's operation, damage to a school building, or a temporary circumstance rendering any portion of a school building unfit or unsafe for use.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Flexible Instructional Day program, please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Education's webpage at:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Teachers%20-%20Administrators/School%20Services/Pages/FID.aspx>

Sincerely,



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