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Dear Pendleton County Schools Families:

This communication does not mean we are planning to close schools due to COVID. It is required communication to share details about our normal Non-Traditional Instruction program.

Pendleton County Schools may utilize up to ten Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) days for the 2021-2022 school year. The NTI days will allow the opportunity for all Pendleton County students to continue meaningful learning at home in the event of inclement weather, illness, or other conditions which prevent schools from being in session. NTI days count as instructional days; therefore, these days do not need to be made up at the end of the school year.

What is a Non-Traditional Instruction Day?

If the district is operating on a Non-Traditional Instruction day due to weather, illness, etc., that simply means that students will continue with assignments at home or in a daycare setting. Students will complete assignments in their NTI packet or through online learning lessons. These lessons will offer skill reinforcement and/or enrichment opportunities.

The Kentucky Department of Education is allowing up to ten (10) NTI days for this school year, however, this does not mean all ten days will be used nor does it mean that every time we have inclement weather we will be using an NTI day. I will monitor each situation and determine whether schools are closed or operating on an NTI day.

How will NTI days work?

- Elementary students will receive a packet with NTI assignments. Middle and high school students with internet access may be able to complete the work electronically from home or another location using educational online programs students are familiar with. The middle and high school may load assignments on a flash drive for students without reliable internet service or send an instructional packet home.
- You will receive specific instructions for the NTI days from your child's school no later than October 11th.
- All "school closed" days may **not** be made an NTI day. Listen carefully to the district's "All Call" messages, radio, television, and social media regarding school closures and NTI days. If it is an NTI day, your child should follow the NTI plan for their school.
- As weather permits, teachers and staff will report to work and will be available on NTI days to assist students or parents by phone, email, Microsoft Teams, etc. during NTI days.

What do families need to do now?

- Watch for information regarding NTI days from your child's school.
- Talk with your child about the expectation of completion of his or her assignments and make any necessary arrangements for allowing for internet access or informing your child's daycare of the NTI plan.
- If you have any questions, direct them to your child's teacher or school administrator.

We appreciate your partnership and support in ensuring instruction continues on days that we may have to cancel school. On the reverse side of this letter, you will find a FAQ document that may answer any questions you have.

Sincerely,

Joe Buerkley
Superintendent