

## FRAZIER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Frazier Parents/ Guardians,

This correspondence serves to inform you of general guidelines relative to either the delay or cancellation of school. Student safety will always be our primary concern. There will be days when school is in session when roads may be snow covered and the temperature is quite cold. It is critical on such days to ensure that your children dress appropriately for the weather and that any and all drivers exercise caution.

Every effort will be made to have the announcement for a delay prior to 5:45 a.m. on the day of school or, at times, the prior evening. It may be necessary at times to change from a delay to a cancellation. In the event that such a change from a delay to a cancellation is required, every effort will be made to make the announcement prior to 7:45 a.m. We encourage all families to continually check our communication sources on days when road conditions or extreme cold are in question.

The Frazier School District uses the School Messenger call system to communicate with families through phone calls and emails throughout the school year. The same system is used for weather related or non-weather related delays, cancellations or schedule changes. The School Messenger system uses phone numbers and emergency numbers that you have provided. If you are not receiving messages, or need to update any of your information, please contact your child's school to do so.

In addition to the School Messenger system, the following media outlets can also be used for notification of delays and cancellations. Local TV Stations: WTAE, WPXI, KDKA

Early dismissals are rare and will only be called in the event of an emergency. We encourage all families to have a plan in place should it be necessary to have an unplanned early dismissal. On such occasions, the School Messenger system will be used to notify parents. Should there be a situation that requires children to be moved to another building or evacuation area, parents will likewise be notified through the call system.

In the event school is cancelled due to extreme weather, days will be made up in the following order as indicated on the school district calendar which is attached to this correspondence:

1st Snow/ Make-Up Day: Monday January 16, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Snow/ Make-Up Day: Monday February 20, 2023

3rd Snow/ Make-Up Day: Thursday April 6, 2023

4th Snow/ Make-Up Day: Monday April 10, 2023

If there is a need to cancel school beyond the four days indicated above, the district will utilize Flexible Instructional Days to maintain the integrity of the district calendar. Information regarding Flexible Instruction Days is attached for your convenience.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

William R. Henderson III

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# Q & A What is a Flexible Instructional Day, and how will it impact your family? Read below.

What is a Virtual Instructional Day (FID)? Flexible Instructional Days, also known as (FIDs) are deemed a school day and count toward the number of instructional days/hours required under Act 64 of the Public School Code and Chapter 11 of the state Board of Education regulations. FIDs employ "nontraditional strategies" to provide a continuation of instruction on regularly scheduled school days when circumstances (primarily weather) call for an alternate approach.

**How will it work for Frazier?** On days in which the district is prohibited from opening, and has utilized all designated make-up days on the district calendar, the students will stay home to complete assignments in their google classrooms. The students will have 3 days to complete their assignments and will receive credit for the school day. Teachers will be available via email during the scheduled school hours to assist with any questions that the students may have.

**So, how does student attendance work?** Student attendance will be determined by verification and completion of the lesson and or assignment during the 3-school-day assignment window.

What is expected of students? Students are expected to work on assignments from home at their own pace. There will be no "synchronous" or "live" instruction on FID days. If a child does not have Internet access or equipment to log on, the student should communicate this with the teacher. They will have 3 school days to make up the assignment and turn it into his/her instructor for full credit.

What's the benefit of a FID? It's an effort to address inclement weather days while at the same time attempting to eliminate the need to extend the school year. Online learning will be part of your child's educational experience and it is our hope that this virtual instruction will provide them with the experience necessary to be successful in future online endeavors.

What if I have a student with special needs? The FID lesson will be designed for students with special needs utilizing their program modifications, specially designed instruction and supplementary aids and services identified in their individualized education plans. Upon return from a FID, teachers of students with special needs will meet with their students to review work submitted, checking for completion and understanding. If needed, students will have an additional 3 school days to complete assignments. Any related services (PT, OT, Speech, etc...) scheduled during the FID will be rescheduled according to the frequency requirements of the students' individualized education plan (IEP). On the FID, special education personnel will be available to answer questions through email or by phone between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Special Education office (724-736-9507, ext.106) will also field parent questions and phone calls.

## **2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

Board Approved: Tuesday, April 12th, 2022

| In-service 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> OPEN HOUSE – 25 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm – 7:30 p.m. Act 80 Day – 26 <sup>th</sup> First day for students – 29 <sup>th</sup> 4 Pupil = 4 8 Teacher = 8                           | AUGUST '22         S       M       T       W       Th       F       S         1       2       3       4       5       6         7       8       9       10       11       12       13         14       15       16       17       18       19       20         21       22       23       24       25       26       27         28       29       30       31       -       -       - | SEPTEMBER '22       S     M     T     W     Th     F     S       -     -     1     2     3       4     5     6     7     8     9     10       11     12     13     14     15     16     17       18     19     20     21     22     23     24       25     26     27     28     29     30     -                                                                      | Labor Day Holiday – 5 <sup>th</sup> 4 ½ week mark – 28 <sup>th</sup> 21 Pupil = 25 21 Teacher = 29                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Act 80 Day – 24 <sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Conferences Noon to 3:00  End of 1 <sup>st</sup> marking period – 28 <sup>th</sup> 21 Pupil = 46 21 Teacher = 50                                                                 | S M T W Th F S U 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | NOVEMBER '22  S M T W Th F S  1 2 3 4 5  6 7 8 9 10 11 12  13 14 15 16 17 18 19  20 21 22 23 24 25 26  27 28 29 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Veterans Day Holiday 11 <sup>th</sup> 2 hr. Early Dismissal 22 <sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> 17 Pupil = 63 17 Teacher = 67                                                                                                                                      |
| Keystone Testing – 5 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> 4 ½ week mark – 7 <sup>th</sup> 2 hr. early dismissal – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Christmas Holiday Break 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> 17 Pupil = 80 17 Teacher = 84      | DECEMBER '22       S     M     T     W     Th     F     S       L     1     2     3       4     5     6     7     8     9     10       11     12     13     14     15     16     17       18     19     20     21     22     23     24       25     26     27     28     29     30     31                                                                                             | JANUARY '23       S     M     T     W     Th     F     S       1     2     3     4     5     6     7       8     9     10     11     12     13     14       15     16     17     18     19     20     21       22     23     24     25     26     27     28       29     30     31     -     -     -     -                                                           | Christmas Holiday Break – 2 <sup>nd</sup> In-service- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Keystone Testing 4 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> ML King Holiday – 16 <sup>th</sup> End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> marking period – 18 <sup>th</sup> 19 Pupil = 99 20 Teacher = 104                                             |
| Act 80 Day – 13th (All students off) - Noon-7:30 pm Parent/Teacher Conf. – Elem & Middle School only President's Day Holiday – 20th 4 ½ week mark – 21st  19 Pupil = 118 19 Teacher = 123                                     | FEBRUARY '23  S M T W Th F S  1 1 2 3 4  5 6 7 8 9 10 11  12 13 14 15 16 17 18  19 20 21 22 23 24 25  26 27 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | MARCH '23         S       M       T       W       Th       F       S         1       1       2       3       4         5       6       7       8       9       10       11         12       13       14       15       16       17       18         19       20       21       22       23       24       25         26       27       28       29       30       31 | Act 80 Day – 20 <sup>th</sup> (All students off) - Noon-7:30 pm Parent/Teacher Conf. – High School only  End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period – 23 <sup>rd</sup> 23 Pupil = 141 23 Teacher = 146                                                                                                |
| 2 hr. Early Dismissal – 5 <sup>th</sup> Easter Holiday 6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> PSSA Testing – 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> (Language Arts) 4 ½ week mark – 28 <sup>th</sup> 17 Pupil = 158 17 Teacher = 163 | S M T W Th F S 0 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | MAY '23  S M T W Th F S  1 2 3 4 5 6  7 8 9 10 11 12 13  14 15 16 17 18 19 20  21 22 23 24 25 26 27  28 29 30 31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | PSSA Testing -1st – 12th (Math, Science and Make-ups) AP Testing – 1st – 12th Keystone Testing – 15th – 26th In-service / PROM – 18th Act 80 - Kennywood – 19th Memorial Day Holiday – 29th 21 Pupil = 179 22 Teacher = 185                                                                      |
| Last Day of School for<br>Students/Tentative<br>Graduation/End of 4th Marking<br>Period – 1st<br>Inservice – 2nd<br>1 Pupil = 180<br>2 Teacher = 187                                                                          | S M T W Th F S 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | In –Service Days (7 days) Holidays ACT 80 Days (5 days) Testing Dates First & Last Day of School & Marking Pd                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | End of 1st Marking Pd-10/26th End of 2nd Marking Pd - 1/17th End of 3rd Marking Pd - 3/22nd End of 4th Marking Pd - 6/1st  Snow Make-Up Days Monday, Nov. 28th, 2022 Monday, Jan. 16th, 2023 Monday, Feb. 20th, 2023 Thursday, April 6th, 2023 Monday, April 10th, 2023 Monday, April 10th, 2023 |