October 16, 2020

Dear Swansea Schools' staff and Swansea community members,

Although we are approaching 70 degrees today, I thought it prudent to outline the plan for “snow days” this school year, should the need arise.

Given that we are operating both in a hybrid model and also teaching students in a fully remote capacity, this allows us to be in a position to go fully remote for ALL students if a snow (or other major weather) event were to take place that precludes students and staff from getting to school safely. A fully remote ‘snow’ day is required to be a full day of teaching and learning in order for it to be considered one of the mandated school days by the Department of Education and therefore would not need to be made up at the end of the year.

I will follow the protocol that has been established using Twitter (@superswansea16) as the first notification, followed by ‘One Calls’ from principals, along with notification on the local news feed. If there is widespread power outage that does not allow for teaching and learning to take place, the day would, in fact, need to be made up so that we are in compliance with the Department of Education guidelines.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

John J. Robidoux
Superintendent of Schools