



## *Parsippany-Troy Hills Township Schools*

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Dear Parsippany-Troy Hills Families,

As pretty as the snow looks when it drifts so gently to the ground, I am certain you share the same inner frustration as I at the number of storms that have impacted our area - and our school calendar. It is very late in the season to be making changes to our school calendar - and, yet, here we are needing to make adjustments that will allow us to meet the state requirement of having students in school for 180 days.

In determining how we will modify the school calendar for staff and students, I adhere to the following guidelines:

- Student and staff attendance should be optimal;
- Effective and relevant instruction should occur;
- Minimal impact to families and staff.

Given these parameters, the following adjustments will be made:

***School will be in session for a ½ day on Friday, March 30, 2018***

***School will be in session for a ½ day on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 with  
Police Officers present at all polling locations***

***Professional Development for staff will be scheduled for the afternoon of June 5***

These changes will allow our high school seniors to graduate on time with diplomas in hand. It will also allow our families and our staff to enjoy an uninterrupted spring break, the importance of which should not be underestimated.

Please know that students with other obligations for March 30 and June 5 should honor those obligations. It is not our desire to create conflict with pre-planned family events. Time with family matters and parents should feel comfortable and confident in their decision to adhere to their plans. School will be in session and our awesome teachers will be present to lead and instruct all students present.

Thank you for your understanding and for your continued support of our schools.

In appreciation,

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