

Communication regarding **Hours of Instruction** for students and how we will adjust to meet the rules.

A few years ago the state lawmakers gave public schools more flexibility with regards to hours of instruction. We no longer follow days of instruction rather we follow an hours of instruction guideline. We generally build in four extra days of instruction to accommodate inclement weather. Given we have just had five days of the last six days off, we need to make some adjustments to meet state rules for hours of instruction.

As of now, our Middle/High School has a few hours excess to work with. No adjustments need to be made at the Middle/High School. They have a longer school day which differs from Tiffany Creek Elementary. The following adjustments need to be made-

Beginning February 11th, TCE will start their school day at 8:10 rather than 8:15. This will not be a significant change given the buses are there anyway.

Also, one recess time will be decreased by five minutes. Mr. Kaiser will monitor this process.

Should we have more inclement weather days after today 2/5/2019, we want to let you know how we will need to proceed. Priority #1 would be to have school on Monday April 22 when we are scheduled to be off. Priority #2 would be to add a day at the end of the year meaning we would add June 5th as the last day with an Early Release.

This has been a difficult stretch of weather and we have two months of winter remaining. I appreciate the understanding everyone has shown. Thank you.

Mr. Sipple