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Community Message - January 7, 2021

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Thu, Jan 7, 2021 at 3:15 PM

Dear Palisades Families,

I wanted to provide you with as much notice as possible that Friday, January 22nd will be converted from an instructional day to a non-instructional day. We have sufficient hours of instruction built into our school calendar so this day will not need to be made up at the end of the year. The conversion of this day will allow for:

1. classroom changes to accommodate the needs of as many students as possible that have requested to return face to face for the second semester while maintaining 6' distance in all classrooms.
2. professional development in best practices for delivering instruction to in person and live-streamed students simultaneously

Please note, the January 22nd change to a non-instructional day will create a four-day weekend for our students since Monday, January 25th is already designated as a student holiday. The 2nd semester begins on Tuesday, January 26th (except at PHS because of PSAT testing for 10th and 11th grade students).

As noted earlier this week, please keep the lines of communication open regarding your child(ren)'s health as it relates to COVID through our dedicated email address at covidnurse@palisadessd.org. This address should be used to report positive cases and exposures in order to expedite both online learning opportunities due to quarantine and case investigations.

Thank you for your continued support as we enter the second half of the school year.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget O'Connell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Bridget O'Connell

Superintendent

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