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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board

FROM: Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

DATE: April 5, 2019

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Designating Instructional Time for Weather Closure

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: MN Statute 120A.41

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Approval

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: April 18, 2019

REPORT

In light of the unusual weather experienced throughout the state this winter, many districts had to close school for multiple days. The unusual number of closures left many districts out of compliance with the state statute that requires a minimum number of instructional hours to be scheduled for the school year. The minimum number of hours is different for elementary and secondary students. With five closure days this school year we no longer have enough hours scheduled for all students to meet the state minimums.

The legislature acted this year to allow school boards to count the weather closure days as instructional days, if needed, to remain in compliance with the state. I will be bringing a recommendation to request we count closure time as instructional hours as outlined by the state legislation to bring us within compliance for the 208/19 school year.