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Friday, May 10, 2019

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians, and Staff,

Earlier today, Governor Whitmer signed House Bill 4206 to forgive four additional snow days that occurred while the state was under a state of emergency due to extreme cold temperatures during the 2018-2019 school year. The Michigan Department of Education is creating a process by which each district would request the extra four days to be forgiven. Our district will apply and use these four snow days to return our school ending date back to **June 5, 2019**, our original last day of school.

I know that the changes we have made, and now have undone are not the best circumstances for everyone. Hopefully in the future things can work more smoothly between the locals and Lansing. This year was defined by the weather systems that started in February and seemed to never give up. We truly believe that the punitive measure of extending the school year does not balance out the lost days of instruction that have occurred. Our teachers and staff have worked diligently to ensure that each and every student has the education they not only need, but also deserve. They have trimmed the edges of certain activities to make sure that students receive the same education that they would have without the snow days.

I would like to take a moment and appreciate the hard work and dedication that our entire district staff has demonstrated this year. They have gone above and beyond expectations so that every student has the opportunity to reach his or her unique potential. None of this would be possible without the strong support that we received from our parents, families, and the entire Essexville-Hampton community. Together we continue to find success and together we will create a stronger and better future for our children.

I hope we all are able to celebrate a tremendous ending of our school year and look forward to a relaxing summer. As a reminder, the **last day of school is now June 5, 2019** and we are back to our **original school calendar** for this year.

Educationally Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew T. Cortez".

Matthew T. Cortez

Essexville-Hampton Public Schools Mission:

Essexville-Hampton District Mission is to create a collaborative environment that encourages every learner to reach his or her unique potential.