



Butte Falls School District #91

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Dear Butte Falls Charter School Parents (and Students),

In response to the weather-related four days of school closure last week and subsequent delayed start last Tuesday, **we are adding two school days to our school calendar this year.** The first day will be **Friday, January 20**, which is a week from tomorrow. The second day will be **Friday, June 2**. These two dates work well because they follow Monday holidays and maintain the pattern of having a four day school week. We are also exploring an option to extend the dismissal time for elementary (K-6) students to provide for additional teaching and learning beginning in February. That will not affect our daily bus schedules.

By adding these two days to the calendar, Butte Falls Charter School will continue to exceed the state requirements for instructional time. That commitment maximizes learning time for your student. **Thank you, for any adjustments you must make next week to ensure your student can attend on Friday.**

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our team of teachers and support staff that serves you. Our facilities supervisor faithfully drove roads early in the morning and provided me and Principal Gorman with accurate assessments of actual road conditions. Our school facilities and custodial staff worked during the closures to keep our pipes from freezing, our walkways clear, and campuses clear of falling icicles and tree limbs. Our bus drivers have been vigilant to bring students safely to and from school. Our school support staff has been responsive to student and family needs. Our teachers have adjusted their lesson plans to sustain continuity in student learning.

The daylight hours are getting longer each day. Spring is coming! Things will warm up. **In the meantime, we will make every effort to provide a full day of teaching and learning each day for every Butte Falls student.**

Sincerely,

Dr. Phil Long, Superintendent



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