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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I would like to inform the community of an extended Pilot Program offered through the New York State Education Department. As we have utilized last school year (ie. when there is a water main break, etc.), school districts may pivot to 100% remote learning platforms in case of emergencies such as weather or utility related events.

The District's plan regarding the use of "snow days" will be dependent on the nature of the weather and our confidence in providing our 100% remote learning platform. Below are the two announcements which will be made:

Emergency Building(s) Closure with Remote Learning:

"Saugerties School District will be closed to in-person instruction due to ____ (Reason) ____, the Saugerties Central School district will pivot to our 100% remote platform. Staff should contact their immediate supervisor for building availability."

Emergency Building(s) Closure with No Instruction:

"Saugerties School District will be closed to in-person instruction due to ____ (Reason) ____, the Saugerties Central School district will not pivot to our 100% remote platform."

Our community, students, faculty and staff have been extremely flexible and focused when we have had to pivot from one learning platform to another. Going forward, there will be opportunities to pivot to 100% remote on a day when the weather or some other circumstances does not allow in-person instruction. Students and faculty will follow their 100% remote learning platform for that day. Staff will post learning activities on Google Classroom, Schoology, or another means. The most important framework is to continue our open communication between students and teachers during any of our educational pivots.

As always, the health and safety of students, staff and the community continues to remain a priority.

Sincerely,

Kirk Reinhardt
Superintendent