

**Dr. Anthony Berthiaume**  
**Superintendent**  
**New Lothrop Area Public Schools**

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Happy New Year! I hope your family had a safe and relaxing break!

I want to remind parents and students of several upcoming important dates on our academic calendar:

***Monday, January 20, 2020 - No school for students due to Professional Development for staff***

***Thursday, February 13, 2020 - DK-12th Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.***

***Friday, February 14, 2020 - No school for students due to Professional Development for staff***

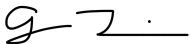
***Monday, February 17, 2020 - No school for students and staff, President's Day Observed***

Another topic that affects us all is our Michigan weather! I want to reiterate that it's the time of year when we experience inclement weather. Student safety is the most important priority, followed closely by balancing the instructional consistency of our students' education. We will continue to implement the options of "Paved Roads Only" and/or a 2-hour delay for inclement weather when deemed appropriate. School start times will be 9:50 a.m. for the Elementary and 10:00 a.m. for the High School. School will end at our regularly scheduled time with an abbreviated bell schedule for both buildings. These options give us the opportunity to delay the start of the school day in the hope that the weather may improve and provides extra time for students and staff to travel to school safely without the district having to miss a full day. If the conditions remain stagnant throughout the morning, we will possibly make the decision to cancel school for the entire day.

We will communicate any delay or school closing using our notification system, SchoolMessenger, along with television and radio broadcasts. Parents, please use this information to plan ahead and think about arrangements for your children in these types of situations. I will be in contact with other superintendents from our county and neighboring school districts when making these decisions and will continue to monitor the weather and road conditions. These are decisions I take seriously to ensure our students' safety.

We look forward to the months ahead and the opportunity to serve our students and this community. I appreciate your continued support and value your suggestions as we continually strive to improve as a district. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My office phone number is 810-638-5091.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent