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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we approach the beginning of spring, I hope this letter finds you and your families well. I am writing to address an important matter regarding the inclement weather and its impact on our academic calendar. This winter season brought about closures on multiple occasions. While these closures were necessary to ensure the safety of our students and staff, they have resulted in a change to our school calendar.

In accordance with new state regulations outlined in Act 56 of 2023, the **Milton Area School District will be utilizing Thursday, March 28, 2024, and Tuesday, April 2, 2024, for teacher professional development activities. Students will not attend school on those days.** We are hopeful this change assists families who had prior plans since it is tied to an upcoming break from school.

Additionally, if further closures are necessary, the district will attempt to utilize Flexible Instruction Days (FID). Each building will provide families with a schedule framework. The specific expectations for each classroom will be communicated with students prior to the FID. These FID days will only occur if we have time to prepare ahead. If closures are necessary due to unexpected issues, parents will be notified of that plan and information will be provided if a make-up date is necessary following the closure.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we navigate these challenges together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school or the district office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Bickhart". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. John S. Bickhart  
Superintendent