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TO: Board of Education
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SUBJ: ACTION ITEM (Snow Day Recommendation)

Due to recent inclement weather activity, it is time to review our snow day guidelines once again. In the past, our calendar committee has asked that I consider convening school on Saturday if a snow day is missed in lieu of making up days during Spring Break. To do so would require your approval.

I hereby recommend that Montgomery County Schools authorize me to judiciously declare Saturdays as make-up days in the event it becomes necessary to do so instead of using Spring Break days as official make-up days. We can only use a Saturday make-up during the same week that a day is missed due to the weather (or a day missed due to some other factor, such as a holiday) and we would provide ample notice to parents. The make-up day would be a half-day on that Saturday, if we use it. I would recommend we utilize Saturday, January 20, 2018 for instance to make up one of the days we just missed.

While there is no way to absolutely guarantee that Spring Break will not be used as snow make-up, I feel this step will give us options if we need them for additional inclement weather events.

I am available to answer any questions you might have.