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Dear Barnum Elementary School Families,

This year will look differently for how we approach snow days, or emergency school closings. Now that we are able to provide instruction in a distance learning format, rather than cancelling school for the day, students will engage in distance learning using a Choice Board created by their teacher. As this is a new practice, I've provided guidance using a "Question and Answer" format below:

Q: How will my child receive the choice board?

A: The choice board will be permanently placed in your child's take home folder, so it will be available for emergency school closings. Additionally, the choice board is posted on our website.

Q: What if I have questions about the choice board and my child needs help in completing the activities?

A: Much like Distance Learning, teachers will be available via email and/or google meet to support your child's learning.

Q: How will the school take attendance?

A: Students simply return the completed choice board to their teacher. Teachers will then communicate to the office. This will count for attendance in the case of an emergency school closing. We understand that students may forget the choice board at home; they will be allowed 3 days to return it to count for attendance. Additionally, the choice board can also be submitted electronically.

If you have further questions regarding emergency school day expectations or attendance, please contact the school office at 218-389-6976. If you have specific questions regarding the choice boards, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child's learning and Barnum Public Schools.

Sincerely,



Judi Vitito, Elementary Principal

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