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Re: Make-up Hours

Currently to date, April 7, 2014, we have to make up **six** instructional hours to comply with the law. Per G.S. §115C-174.12(a)(4), all annual assessments of student achievement adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to G.S. §1125C-174.11(c)(1) and (3) all final exams for courses shall be administered within the final 10 instructional days of the school year for year-long courses and within the final five instructional days of the semester for semester courses. Exceptions shall be permitted to accommodate a student's individualized education program and section 504 (U.S.C. § 794) plans and for the administration of final exams for sources with national or international curricula required-to-be-held at designated times.

To meet the state requirement for instructional hours and school board approval, we recommend an extension of the school day by thirty minutes (30) minutes **Monday through Thursday only** beginning Monday April 28, 2014.

There are several optimistic points to this plan.

1. We are assuming fog delays will occur, which will allow flexibility for more hours to be made up, if necessary.
2. Time we are making up will be useful as remediation, extra time to tutor students to successfully pass the state mandated assessments and enrichment for students who have mastered the standards; however, we want to challenge each child to reach his/her highest potential.
3. Teachers will appreciate this extra time for remediation and enrichment as it will provide time for that "little extra" to help all students grow academically.

The chart below illustrates the date, time and amount of hours made up due to inclement weather. We will make sure parents are notified by letter, websites (school and district), School Reach, email and the Gates County Index, as well as Facebook on the calendar change. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please note release time for Fridays will remain at 3:00.

Date	Release Time
Monday - April 28, 2014	3:30 PM
Tuesday - April 29, 2014	3:30 PM
Wednesday - April 30, 2014	3:30 PM
Thursday - May 1, 2014	3:30 PM
Monday - May 5, 2014	3:30 PM
Tuesday - May 6, 2014	3:30 PM
Wednesday - May 7, 2014	3:30 PM
Thursday - May 8, 2014	3:30 PM
Monday - May 12, 2014	3:30 PM
Tuesday - May 13, 2014	3:30 PM
Wednesday - May 14, 2014	3:30 PM
Thursday - May 15, 2014	3:30 PM
Total	6 Hours

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