



February 6, 2020

Dear McClure Elementary Families,

I know that the past several weeks have been difficult for children and families, and want to thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. The District would like to share information with you about our plans to make up some of the instructional time lost when the school was temporarily closed.

I know that students are excited to be back in school and that staff is focused on ensuring your children are receiving the highest level of teaching and learning. However, we also know that we need to make up some of the days that were lost when the building was closed. The school is working to modify the weekly schedule to ensure your students have as many instructional minutes as the day allows. However, this alone is not enough.

Therefore, **we have asked the state for permission to make up five school days** as follows: four days during Spring Recess, **Monday, April 6th through Thursday, April 9th** and Election Day on **Tuesday, April 28th**.

Please note that the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) must approve this plan, so it is not final until the state confirms it will accept this proposal. It is possible that PDE will tell us that the school must make up more than five days, but we are hopeful the plan will be approved as proposed.

As soon as we hear back from the state, we will be sure to communicate any updates we have. In the meantime, we wanted to provide you as much advanced notice as possible, as these five days will be mandatory attendance days for all McClure students. We will follow the regular bell schedule during those five days.

The District is also committed to working with McClure staff and families to explore additional instructional opportunities for students.

A Frequently Asked Questions document is included below to provide additional information. If you have any questions, please contact the main office at the school.

Sincerely,

Larisa Shambaugh  
Chief Talent Officer

Cc: Dr. William Hite, Superintendent  
Sharon Marino, Principal

## McClure Elementary – Make-Up Days Frequently Asked Questions

Please note that all questions and answers below pertain to all students (Pre-K through Grade 5).

**Question:** Is my child expected to go to McClure School on April 6 through April 9, 2020 and April 28, 2020?

**Answer:** Yes. All McClure School students in PreK through Grade 5 are expected to attend school on April 6th through April 9th and April 28th.

**Question:** Will my child be marked absent if I do not send my child to school?

**Answer:** Yes. Your child will be marked absent if they do not report to school on those days. You will be required to provide documentation to the school as to why your child did not attend school and the absence will be recorded in accordance to District policy.

**Question:** If my child usually receives transportation and/or transpasses during the regular school year, will that service continue during the five make up days?

**Answer:** Yes. If your child receives transportation and/or transpasses during the regular school year, your child will receive the same service during the make-up days.

**Question:** Will my child receive breakfast and lunch during these five days?

**Answer:** Yes. All supports and services provided to your child during the regular academic school day will be provided to your child during these five days.

**Question:** Will the regular after-school program be offered to my child during the make-up days?

**Answer:** We are still working to confirm this information. The school will provide parents with information regarding the after school program within the next few weeks.