

## **Southmoreland School District**

200 Scottie Way, Scottdale PA 15683

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Dear Southmoreland Community,

As we begin to return students to buildings again in our hybrid model, we should also be prepared for the possibility of closures due to weather or COVID related issues. It is our intention to be as prepared as we can be on short notice. To that end, if we are receiving weather warnings or information regarding COVID cases that may require the closure of school(s) as recommended by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and The Pennsylvania Department of Education, the district will ask students and teachers to take all needed materials home (including books and Chromebooks) during the school day before the potential closure. A robomessage will be shared with our families to provide them with the notice to allow as much time as possible for parents and students to prepare and to make arrangements if needed.

As soon as possible on that day, a message will be shared with families about the weather and/or school closure. If schools are closed due to those concerns, students will be able to participate with their teachers following the virtual schedule that we have established using our PDE approved **Flexible Instruction Day.** In this way, we will be able to continue to provide instruction while the physical school may be closed to students.

We hope this procedure that we share now in advance is not needed, but in the event these issues should arise, we will do our utmost to communicate with you and to provide instruction virtually for that day or days.

Our thanks for your help and support as we continue to work together. Best wishes and take good care.