

February 15, 2021

This message is being sent to all staff and parents on Monday, February 15, to provide time for staff and families to plan accordingly for Tuesday, February 16.

**School will be canceled in the Auburn-Washburn School District on Tuesday, February 16, due to extreme weather conditions.**

For the 2020-21 school year, our plan is to transition to a “remote learning day” when school is canceled. Due to the [news releases from the Southwest Power Pool \(SPP\)/Eversource](#) and communication with Shawnee County Emergency Management, “Persistent and extreme cold weather has led to region-wide electricity use that exceeds available generation across the SPP service territory. While SPP and our member companies work to restore the regional power grid to full capacity, consumers are urged to reduce electricity use, both at home and work.”

We are going to do two things to help reduce electricity use on Tuesday, February 16:

1. We are not going to transition to a “remote learning day” on Tuesday, February 16. Tuesday will be a “traditional snow day”.
2. Several of our schools have generators and we are going to power those schools this evening and tomorrow morning with our generators instead of electricity.

Due to these extreme weather conditions, we want to do our part to reduce electricity use through the end of day Tuesday, February 16.

It is our hope that we can have school as planned Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week, but of course, will continue to monitor the weather closely.

Please remain safe and warm this evening and tomorrow.

Thanks,  
Scott

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