

# Superintendent's Update

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Yesterday was the 104th day of classes for the 2021-22 school year. Last week, many of our schools celebrated the 100th day of the year with different methods to acknowledge 100 in many ways!

On Friday, February 4 I called the 2nd snow day of the year. The Thursday afternoon predictions of lowering temperatures and icing on roadways for Friday were a bit ambiguous, but after a conversation with Town DPW Director Joe Flanagan, he indicated there could be very challenging circumstances with travel over the course of the day. As you can see from [this color-coded map](#), we were not alone in calling off school on this day, as most surrounding districts also called off school. Due to this additional snow day, the official last day of school has now been pushed to Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Remember, Monday, June 20, 2022 is now a state holiday in celebration/remembrance of Juneteenth.

Over the past few weeks I have completed 14 mid-year reviews of all building principals and central office direct reports. At these meetings we review the leaders' progress toward their annual identified goals, their budget expenditures, programmatic needs, and any issues related to their role.

Last week I participated in 3 different webinars with area superintendents and DESE officials regarding the recent rescinding of the state's mask mandate requirement and COVID-19 testing programs. Each district is managing this in coordination with their local boards of health and based on the situation in their district. I will report out additional information during tonight's COVID-19 update.

Today a team from the MSBA visited the ECEC to conduct the site visit portion of their Post Occupancy Evaluation. This program circles back on projects the organization has funded in the past to determine their overall effectiveness and quality. This involved multiple meetings and today's all day site visit. Ultimately there will be a report regarding the MSBA's findings that will be presented to the district after a final review of the draft. I will forward this document to the Committee when it is finalized.

It was great to see a number of Committee members in attendance at the [TEC Legislative Breakfast](#) on Friday, February 4. Despite the snow day, this event still occurred and it was an excellent opportunity to review some of the legislative initiatives that are happening at the state house. Thank you for attending!

I am happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.