

# NEW LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear New Lexington Schools' Families:

Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, public schools in Ohio must comply with minimum hours of instruction instead of a minimum number of school days each year. Prior to this change from required number of days to minimum school hours, the State had recognized a set number of calamity days per school year, when schools could be closed due to inclement weather or other emergencies. The State no longer specifies a certain number of calamity days per school year. Accordingly, the plan to make-up missed school days due to calamity can be set by a district's Board of Education as long as the plan ensures that the district meets the minimum requirement of hours.

New Lexington Schools' student contact hours for the 2024-2025 school year exceed the minimum number of required hours under state law, but the Board of Education, Administration, and Staff feel it is in the best interest of our students academically to continue to provide as much instructional time as possible. Therefore, our New Lexington School plan for making up missed school days due to calamity during the 2024-2025 school year is outlined below:

- On the **first ten days** that school is closed due to inclement weather or other emergencies, students do not have to report to school. **Students will not make up these days.**
- On day #11 and beyond that school closes due to inclement weather or other emergencies, students may make up these days at the end of the school year.
- New Lexington Schools will communicate by March 31, 2025, if we need to make-up any additional hours for state requirement.

This plan has been designed collaboratively by the NLEA, AFSCME 2020, and the Board of Education.

If you have any questions about our school calendar or make-up day plan, please do not hesitate to contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Casey H. Coffey". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Casey H. Coffey  
Superintendent  
New Lexington Schools