

# BERLIN BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear BCS Family,

I wanted to follow up about today's snow day and the 2020-2021 academic year calendar. First, I want to thank all the stakeholders for all of your cooperation and teamwork during this very challenging school year. Please know that I do not take closing school lightly, and it is multifaceted with many factors.

I spoke with local officials throughout the night and early morning. I was advised the roads around the school may not have been cleared in time for arrival. Our team was working very hard as well but unable to ensure a safe opening. We considered a 2-hour delay, but that would not have allowed us to meet the minimum of 4 instructional hours for the day to count.

While many of our staff may be equipped to teach from home, our younger students may not have had their materials at home for a meaningful day of instruction. In situations involving inclement weather, calling a remote teaching day without more notice would not have been conducive to our learning environment.

We are trying to maintain as much normalcy as possible. I hope that the children will enjoy the snow as they would during a regular school year. Although we may need to go a little longer than anticipated and shorten spring break, all stakeholders' safety is paramount.

The chart below outlines the days of school that were closed and when they will be made-up. The second page illustrates the months of April and June regarding make-up days.

Days Closed	Make-Up Day
11/3/2021	6/21/2021
12/17/2021	4/9/2021
2/1/2021	4/8/2021
2/2/2021	4/7/2021
2/11/2021	4/6/2021

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "JC", written over a white background.

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April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

4/2/2021 School Closed Spring Break

4/5/2021 School Closed Spring Break

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

6/16/2021 Early Dismissal

6/17/2021 Early Dismissal

6/18/2021 School Closed Juneteenth

6/21/2021 Early Dismissal Last Day for Students & Staff