



March 16, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

As we all know, the severity of this winter has forced New Foundations Charter School to close for 7 days. Our charter states, as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Education that we must be open for a minimum of 900 hours for kindergarten through sixth grade and 990 hours for grades seven through eight *or* a minimum 180 days. We scheduled 182 days into our school calendar and we would have had instruction on all 182 days of school if there were no school closures due to weather emergencies. But due to the school being closed for 7 days we will have only attended 175 days by the end of this school year. Even with having only 175 days of school, every student will have had 1,023 hours of instruction this year.

In an effort to try to meet both the days and hours requirement, I had informed everyone earlier that we would add back the first three days of the spring break into our school calendar. However since that notice first went out, we have had two addition "snow days" that we will not be able to add to our current school calendar. Furthermore, adding back the first three days of spring break as school days has caused a hardship for many, due to the fact that this was not listed in the school calendar as potential "add-on" days.

Since this notice is late and since our charter does allow for our school to have less than 180 days provided that we meet the minimum hourly requirement, then for this year only, the Board of Trustees of New Foundations Charter School has decided that we will not make up the missed days. Spring break will remain as scheduled and the school year will not be extended.

Please understand that this will happen in the 2009-2010 school year only. In the future, should we fall below 180 days we will make every effort to make up the needed days to get to the 180-day requirement.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Stadelberger
CEO