



LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

Each year we develop our school calendars based on the required 180-day school year as well as “promotion” requirements. “Graduation” requirements are a little different. They pertain to the completion of high school and they require school districts to complete the 180 school day requirement *prior to* the actual ceremony. For our district, we have some flexibility in holding our Eighth Grade Ceremony prior to the completion of the 180th school day.

The 2015-16 school calendar has June 20th listed as both the last day of school as well as our 8th grade graduation (promotion) ceremony. After careful consideration, we are changing that date. Since RBR is graduating their students on Friday, June 17th, we are going to promote our 8th grade students on Thursday, June 16th.

We have two snow days built into our calendar and, as of this date, we have used *one*. I am remaining optimistic that we will not need the second. Should we not use the second built-in snow day, **Monday, June 20th will be returned and Friday, June 17th will be our last day of school for the 2015-16 school year.**

Should we need to close for *more than one* additional snow day then; unfortunately, the end-of-year calendar will need to be adjusted again. Regardless of these scenarios, Thursday, June 16th will remain as our NEW eighth grade promotion date.

On the district’s homepage, <http://www.littlesilverschools.org>, you will find **BOTH** this revision to the 2015-16 school calendar as well as the newly-adopted 2016-17 calendar.

While I do not fully subscribe to the folklore surrounding Ground Hog’s Day and Punxsutawney Phil, I am admittedly hopeful that with no shadow cast, an early spring is in our forecast! Let’s think warm thoughts and hope for nice weather in the weeks to come!

Sincerely,

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