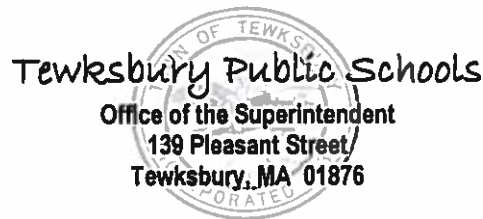


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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff Members,

In our continued efforts to address the amount of school days missed due to weather, we applied for a waiver with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to alter our school schedule. Wednesday, we received the news that DESE had in fact approved our plan. In addition, the Tewksbury School Committee voted to approve this plan Wednesday night. As a result, we are able to change the **last day of school** for students from Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> (which remains an early release day). To accomplish this the following schedule change will take place for all students this school year:

**Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, previously scheduled as an early release day for students will now be a **full day** of school operating on the regular school day schedule.

**Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**, previously scheduled as an early release day for students will now be a **full day** of school operating on the regular school day schedule.

Again, by making both of these early release days now full days of school we will be able to move the **last day of school** from Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be aware that this is a one-time waiver granted by DESE and will likely not happen again in the future.

I apologize for the short notice of this schedule change and we will certainly work with families who may have previous plans impacted by this change. However, we do believe that if we can take advantage of this one-time opportunity that it will create a more productive learning opportunity for all students in relation to the calendar.

Thank you for your continued understanding in this matter as we attempt to address the needs of the students in this year of unexpected weather events.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Malone  
Superintendent of Schools

***TPS District Strategy***

***The Tewksbury Public Schools community believes that our educational program will encompass a 21st century teaching and learning approach that promotes consistent growth among our students and staff to achieve academic, social, and emotional success for all students.***