Dear Lake Shore Public Schools Community:

Good Morning Fellow Shorians!

Recently, the Michigan Legislature enacted changes to provide teachers with the ability to use days that school was previously in session for the purposes of Professional Development. This profoundly important time for our staff is the backbone of strengthening our skills as professionals and adapting to the ever changing learning, cultural, and social-emotional needs of our children. From the most effective and innovative instructional strategies, to school safety and student well-being matters,
investing time into our staff is a key to the on-going high level of success for our students.

As a result, the calendar when we return from our Winter Break will look slightly different to include additional time for Professional Development. Those days are as follows:

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We understand that as a result of these changes our families may be in need of additional child care support. Our School Aged Child Care Program will be providing additional programming on these days for those students already involved in the SACC program. Lake Shore High School also has compiled a list of High School students available to babysit on these days.

We appreciate the on-going support of our community and the value we have put on life-long learning. The time to plan, train, and develop will continue to put our children in classrooms with the very best teachers and staff in the state of Michigan. Nothing is more powerful in learning than a great teacher.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Joseph DiPonio
Superintendent
Lake Shore Public Schools
F.A.Q.

1. Will students be in school on these days? No. These days will be used by our staff for Professional Development and students will not report to school on these days.

2. What about Early Release days? Early Release days will continue as previously scheduled. These days focus more on individual student development and achievement rather than Professional Development activities.

3. What is Professional Development? Professional Development is the strengthening of the skills and knowledge necessary to stay current with the ever-changing environment in student learning, the most recent research in the field of Education, and the ever-changing social-emotional needs of our students.

4. Why do our teachers need Professional Development? Like any professional field (medical, automotive, technology, etc.) things are always evolving and changing. In order to remain effective and best prepare our students for the next generation of jobs and skills necessary to compete, we too must evolve and change. Professional development activities regarding use of technology in the classroom, project-based learning, and safety and security training are just a few examples of Professional Development topics our staff is and will be engaged in.

5. What if I can’t find someone to watch my child on these days? Can you help? Absolutely! We are always here to help! Our School Aged Child program can provide you with options to assist with childcare on these days for those that are enrolled in the SACC program. Contact Mrs. Sharon Malinowski for more information at smalinowski@lspcs.org. Lake Shore High School has compiled a list of LSHS students available to babysit on these days as well. For more information, contact Principal Janelle Bross at jbross@lspcs.org.
Important Links

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