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Dear Parent/Guardian of an Elementary Student:

We hope this letter finds you well as we kick off this new school year. As a leader in education and technology, Harrison County Schools is continually striving to present opportunities to students, parents, and teachers that will add value, rigor, and relevance to the educational experience in our school communities. As we recognize that learning is not isolated to the traditional classroom, we endeavor to afford students and teachers opportunities, through technology integration, that are seemingly without borders, global, and progressive.

West Virginia Board of Education Policy 3234 requires that school systems create a school calendar that provides 180 separate days of instruction. However, the policy also provides for the use of Non-Traditional Instruction Days, which counties may utilize when school is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances or inclement weather and when traditional methods of instruction are not feasible. Effective 2018-2019, Harrison County submitted and gained approval from the WVBE for the use of a maximum of five (5) days of non-traditional instruction under a proposal Harrison County Schools calls **ICE: Interactive Curriculum to Educate. These days are to be used for inclement weather.**

With **ICE**, Harrison County Schools has established a plan to 1) reduce the loss of instructional days during severe winters; 2) utilize technology resources that encourage learning opportunities outside of the classroom; 3) increase opportunities for school-wide or county-wide professional development. At Superintendent Dora L. Stutler's discretion, educators can utilize technology to provide instruction remotely when students are away from a school facility.

A non-traditional instruction day will include a variety of learning opportunities that have been designed by students' classroom teachers. Each of your child's teachers will make assignments in "ICE Packs" that are rich in the integration of literacy, mathematics, social studies, and science. Teachers will be available via email and other communication methods during the non-traditional instructional day in order to provide a continuation of in-class learning. Beginning in October of the current school year, students in grades K-5 will receive "ICE Packs" through a paper copy or through online instructional resources such as an iPad.

When an **ICE** day is to be utilized for inclement weather, an announcement will be made through local radio/television stations as well as Facebook, SchoolMessenger, and the Harrison County Schools website. **The due dates for assignments in "ICE Packs" will be 1 day after return to school after the ICE day. It will be utilized to hold students accountable for the learning that will take place during the non-traditional instructional day.**

In coming weeks, look forward to announcements of informational meetings and parent training opportunities for **ICE** at your child's school. As we carefully make decisions that affect your child's education, taking many opportunities to gain the input of stakeholders, we thank you in advance for your support of this initiative in Harrison County Schools. The safety, well-being, and achievement of your child is paramount in each decision we make, and we believe that ICE will be beneficial in providing for all of these goals.

Sincerely,

Dora L. Stutler

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DUE BY OCTOBER 1, 2020 TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TEACHER.

_____ I understand that I will receive a paper copy of the "ICE Pack" to be utilized when an ICE Day is called by the Superintendent due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. I understand that I may be asked to provide feedback on the "ICE Pack" as well.

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Harrison County Schools...where all are leaders and all are learners!