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Dear Parents and Staff Members:

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Due to the 7 hurricane/snow cancellations the Board of Education held a special meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2018. We will make up 5 of the 7 days due to the two furlough days. Students are required to attend school 180 days. Please note the following changes to the calendar:

1. The school calendar will be changed for 17-18 as follows:

2/20/2018: Previously a vacation day will now be a student school day

3/9/2018: Previously a professional development day for teachers will now be a student school day, professional development will be moved to the end of the school year.

Note: The Board of Education agreed that if we have more than 4 more snow days, let's hope not, the April vacation will need to be considered for additional makeup days. If **April vacation** must become school days the first day will be taken will be Friday, April 20th with additional days preceding the 20th.

2. Early Dismissal Days: Due to the change in our schedule, it is necessary for us to change our early dismissal time from 1:15 to 12:45. **On Early dismissal days, students will attend school from 8:45-12:45.** This change is necessary in order to have buses available for both Brooklyn Public Schools and the area high schools. Students will still be served lunch on these days but will not have recess. The rest of the day for instruction. The only planned early dismissal days are March 29 for parent conferences and the last day, hopefully on Monday, June 18th!

3. New drop off/pick up schedule: Thank you very much for making the adjustment to our new schedule and drop off routines. I have received multiple concerns from families and staff about the pick up line. Please be sure that you are driving slowly as you pass all the cars waiting to pick up at BES. There have been some cars that are exiting that appear to be traveling too fast for school grounds. Please be aware that on school grounds, you never know what might happen or where there might be a student or staff member, even if it is unexpected. **PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY AND SLOWLY ON SCHOOL GROUNDS!** Thank you!

4. A few fun announcements: **Congratulations to the girls and boys basketball teams for winning their championship games! They played hard and had big wins! **Mark your calendars: our middle school students will be performing **Alice in Wonderland Jr. on Friday March 23rd and Saturday March 24th!** This is sure to be a great show! ****Brooklyn Public Schools has an App:** you can download it to your phones or tablet devices for news, contact information for the schools and lunch menus! I will also be posting information about the budget planning for the 2018-19 school year! Stay informed! Have you checked out my Blog? I try to keep you informed about things happening in Brooklyn through the blog! ****I have a goal of 500 app downloads! Spread the word!****

We do realize that the schedule changes will impact some families. *We are sorry for any inconvenience* this may cause you or your family. We did try to address the needs of most families and considered the feedback we collected! buell@brooklynschools.org

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