Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has approved the use of **Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs)** for the Steel Valley School District. This program will allow students to receive instruction from home on days when the school is closed due to inclement weather or an emergency. Steel Valley has been approved for three (3) school years, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

If the District would need to close our facilities due to inclement weather, notification will occur via phone alert, news stations, school website and social media. These alerts will notify you if we are using a **Flexible Instructional Day (FID)**, in which case the day will not need to be made up during the school year. Traditional make-up days on the school calendar will remain in place and will not be utilized unless the district closes beyond 5 school days.

**Here is how an FID day will work:**

All students in grades K-12 will receive a backpack that will contain 5 folders. Each folder will hold assignments from their teachers for an individual day of instruction. When your child brings their backpack home, please put it in a secure place. These assignments will be graded and count toward the overall class grade.

For students with an IEP (individualized education program), lessons will be individually designed based on each student’s IEP goals with specially designed instruction. Any related services scheduled during the FID will be rescheduled according to the frequency requirements of the student’s IEP or in make-up sessions during the remainder of the school year.

Each child will be temporarily marked present on an FID day under PA Code Article XIII. The completion of the FID assignment and the participation form included in their take home packet will serve as verification of attendance. **Not turning in the FID assignments, along with the parent signed participation form will affect the assignment grade and student attendance will be changed to absent.**

**Athletic Events, Co-Curricular and all activities will be cancelled for the day.**

Additional information will be provided in the backpack students will bring home shortly after Thanksgiving break. Again, please put the backpack that will be sent home in a secure location. A copy of the parent participation form is on the reverse of this letter.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Colebank
Director of Academics, Information and Technology
Steel Valley School District
FID Participation Form
Flexible Instruction Day
Steel Valley School District

FID NUMBER ____________

By signing this form, I am providing evidence that my child used the day to work on the FID assignments provided by the school. These FID assignments continue the academic education at home when the district is closed for an emergency.

This form needs to be sent back to the school with their completed assignments within three days. Failure to return the completed assignments along with this signed form will result in a zero grade and a day of absent.

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Student Name                                         Student Signature                             Grade

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Parent Name                                           Parent Signature                             Date