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To all RSU 16 Teachers and Staff,

The time has come again where we need to prepare for the upcoming snowy, cold weather that we inevitably get in the fall, winter and spring time months. That's correct, three out of the four annual seasons, we could have a snow day. Last year, I was truly challenged to make my early morning snow day calls entertaining enough to keep pace with our surrounding school districts. Many of you told me that I needed to up my game after seeing how talented the Lewiston Superintendent, among others, were when they called a snow day. Fortunately, for all of you, I cannot sing, dance or play an instrument.

Making the Robo call for a snow day is absolutely petrifying to me. I worry - do I sound sincere, concerned or confident enough? Have I projected my voice with authority, is it paced properly, did I include the accurate information? This is no easy task (for me), so I have come up with a more pleasant and entertaining way to communicate snow days to the RSU 16 community this school year. I would like to extend an opportunity for all your students to compete in a "Snow Day Announcement Challenge". I am looking for some clever ways to let everyone know that it is a "SNOW DAY". It could be a poem (rhyming or not), story, phrase, or saying (no longer than one minute) - it doesn't matter to me, because anything will be better than me droning on in my monotone half-awake voice.

I ask that you have your students submit their entries to me via email, letter, or handwritten, no later than **October 1, 2019**. I will (with my crack staff), choose two entries from each school (PRHS, BWMS, PCS, ESS, and MCS) to be read during our snow day announcements this year. Just to liven it up a little more and make it even more authentic, I plan to record the student (with parental permission) making the snow day announcement and play them each time I need to call a snow day. I assure you this will be far better than hearing my voice at 5:00 AM every wintery morning. If a student's entry is chosen, then they will receive a letter of thanks from me and a T-Shirt that shows they were one of the RSU 16 School District Snow Day Announcement Challenge Winners.

If you have any questions about this challenge please do not hesitate to contact me at khealey@rsu16.org or phone (207) 998-2727 ext. 103.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Healey