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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The holiday season is upon us, and our schools are buzzing with activity! We're excited to share these updates with you and highlight the ways families and community members can stay involved.

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### **Construction Open House**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Construction Open House! Families and community members explored recently completed spaces at Horseheads High School, Big Flats Elementary, and Gardner Road Elementary, and viewed photos and renderings of ongoing work at Ridge Road Elementary.

If you were unable to attend, the slideshow is available to view [here](#). A recording of Dr. Douglas's presentation, along with videos of all the work, will be posted soon on our district website and social media channels.

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### **Special Ad-Hoc Committee on School Start Time Evaluation**

The Board of Education is creating the Special Ad-Hoc Committee on School Start Time Evaluation to consider any potential modifications and/or switching of school start times for all levels.

The committee will examine the feasibility and impacts of any changes, taking into account:

- Community feedback
- Staffing considerations
- Transportation implications
- Budget implications

Parents and guardians interested in serving on the committee should complete [this form](#). Submission does not guarantee selection. Additional information about the committee is available within the form. The form will close at 3 p.m. on Dec. 19.

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### **Holiday Concerts**

With the holiday season approaching, our students are excited to share their talents! Join us for festive performances that showcase their hard work and bring our school community

together. All dates, times, and locations are listed on the [district calendar](#) so you can plan to celebrate with us.

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### **Weather Alerts**

As winter approaches, here are ways to stay informed about closings, delays, and urgent messages:

**Primary** notification for snow days (TV/radio):

- WENY, WETM, Spectrum Cable News
- WINK 106.1, Bigfoot Country 95.1, Wingz 93.1, The Met, Cool 104.9, Jamz 101.7

Most stations also post these updates on their websites and mobile apps.

**Secondary** notification (text/cell alerts):

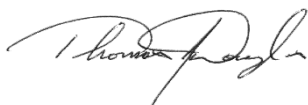
- Ensure your cell number is in our system and SMS is enabled.
  - To opt in, text “Y” or “Yes” to 67587 (standard rates may apply).
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Thank you for being such an active part of our school community. Whether you attended the Open House, follow our updates online, or join us for a concert, your involvement makes a real difference in the lives of our students.

Questions? Contact your school’s Main Office or email us at:

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Sincerely,



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