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*To provide a comprehensive education for all students to become successful critical thinkers as they enter a global society.*

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Dear Families of the Central Greene School District,

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) has been signed into law at the Federal level. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) replaces the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). As ESSA requirements evolve, we will continue to provide updates. Our goals this year align with ESSA and include a focus on good school attendance so that our students experience high levels of academic success.

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic progress starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. As children grow and develop, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and in understanding why attendance is so important.

To that end, we have some information to share with you.

We are in the process of replacing our current "School Rush" communication system with another, more reliable product. Although the district has used this system for several years, we have deemed it to be inappropriate for our current needs. We ask for your patience as we move through the process. Please make sure you use alternative means of checking on school news, delays, early dismissals and closings until this transition is complete (i.e. CGSD website, KDKA, WANB, WPXI, WTAE).

Records indicate that July 2018 ranks as the fourth wettest month in Pennsylvania since records began in 1895. As a result, we have experienced weather situations in greater frequency and with a greater impact on our school community than usual. We are in communication with a variety of different people before we make a decision about delaying or cancelling school. Local governmental officials, transportation providers, and other Greene County school districts are among the people with whom we speak for differing situations. We also investigate news sources and other media for data to gather the best information when making our decisions.

Please understand that decisions are made regarding the district as a whole, not for individual neighborhoods. Your geographical location may prove to be impacted more negatively by the weather than the rest of the district. We count on your good parental judgment in making choices regarding your children and the weather in your location.

We want your child to have a successful academic year. If you have any questions or need more information please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Helen K. McCracken'.

Helen K. McCracken

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