



# Blanchester Local Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Due to the severity of the winter and the unusually large number of days missed by Ohio's school districts, Gov. Kasich recently signed HB 416 into law which grants changes in the way school districts are required to use calamity days. Districts may use a combination of designated calamity days, up to three "Blizzard Bags", and additional hours added to the school day to make up days missed.

Blanchester Local Schools missed a total of ten days due to the weather and will be required to make up four days in accordance with HB 416. The Blanchester Board of Education voted in January to incorporate "Blizzard Bags" to be used for three instructional days missed due to inclement weather. Students will be given assignments to be completed to replace work that could have been accomplished on the days missed. Students will have ten days to complete the work and turn it in to their teachers. Work not completed or turned in by the designated date will be recorded as "Incomplete" or assigned a failing grade. The Blizzard Bag work will be sent home on Friday, March 28, 2014, Friday April 4, and Friday, April 11. Please encourage your student to complete this work as quickly as possible and return it to the teacher.

The one additional day will be made up on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. All buildings will be in session on that day with a two hour early dismissal.

If you have any questions regarding the use of calamity days, please contact your child's building principal.

Sincerely,

Dean Lynch  
Superintendent  
Blanchester Local Schools

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