

## **Community Update – Algonac Community Schools**

The severe weather that we have been experiencing for the past month has really made for a unique school year. Districts across Michigan have been put to some very difficult decisions regarding closing school due to the inclement weather. I am a true believer that breaking the routine and consistency that has been established throughout the school year doesn't benefit anyone educationally.

However, I truly appreciate the patience and understanding of the community when it comes to keeping our students and staff safe. Believe me, there were some days that it was difficult to make the decision to close the district, even though, to some, it seemed like it should have been kept open. There are many factors that go into cancelling school, but none are more important than making sure our students are safe and out of harm's way.

The State allows for districts to have up to six forgiven weather days. In addition, districts can apply for a waiver for up to three additional days (for a total of nine possible days). Algonac Community Schools has currently missed 10 days this year. As a result, the district will be required to make up at least one day of school. There is the possibility that since the Governor of Michigan was declared a State of Emergency for two days, these days will be automatically forgiven. However, this has not been decided as of yet. We will update you once a decision has been made.

It is with great pleasure that I announce some great things that some of our Algonac Community Schools students have accomplished!!

- The Algonac High School Wrestling Team had seven individuals that qualified for the State Finals, which are to be held at Ford Field on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> .....best of luck to Michael Nykoriak, Jack Jewell, Zack Randall, Noah Babin, Connor Geerlings, Mark Langewicz and Jacob Kasner.
- Sydney Lewis took 7<sup>th</sup> place overall at the first ever Girls High School Wrestling State Finals, which was held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congrats to Sydney!!
- Algonac is very excited to have two of our Robotics teams representing the district in the World Competition, which will be held in Detroit on April 24-27. Our FLL Jr. team, which is made up of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, was invited to participate at the event. Our FTC team, comprised of middle school students (Robo Rats), qualified at States in December, and will be competing with teams from all over the world. Good Luck!!
- Matt Marcath finished 1<sup>st</sup> and Lisa Atherton finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Regional Skills USA competition in the area of Collision Repair Technology. They will be moving on to the State Skills competition in Grand Rapids, which will be held on April 5 -7. Best of luck to them!!