



Hello, this is Superintendent Todd Bowden with a message for all parents and employees. I know all of you are wondering about make-up days due to the six days of instruction we lost during Hurricane Irma last week and the previous Friday.

I'm happy to report that Sarasota County public schools will not need to make up any of these days. The reason is that we already have 30 minutes a day of additional instruction. The relevant state school board rule says Florida K-12 schools need to be in session for no fewer than 180 teaching days, or no fewer than 900 instructional hours.

We have the extra half-hour of instruction each day because of the additional referendum dollars that have been approved by voters every four years since 2002. Our additional hours of instruction will make up for the extra storm days. We are so fortunate to have a supportive community that pulled together during Hurricane Irma and that makes public education such a priority in Sarasota County.

Have a great evening!