

# CUBA-RUSHFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Commissioner Elia,

I hope this letter finds you well. In anticipation of filing the 2017-2018 ST-3 Annual Financial Report for Cuba-Rushford Central School, I am writing to share with you that circumstances that led our school district to only carry out 175 student days and 4 superintendent days amounting to 179 total days. Before I expand on the circumstances, I want to recognize this was a mistake on my part. The district has put procedures in place to prevent future errors.

## Sequence of Events:

1. For the 17-18 School year, I scheduled 4 superintendent days:
  - a. September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - b. November 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017
  - c. March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018
2. Due to temperatures below 20°F, high accumulation of snow for the 240 walkers (1/4 of our population), we closed school on the recommendation of the highway superintendent in Cuba, NY on these dates:
  - a. December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017
  - b. January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 – Frozen pipes which cause glycol leaks in classrooms.
  - c. January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - d. February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018
3. On February 16<sup>th</sup>, two days after the Florida School Shooting, we reconfigured the professional development day of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to concentrate on rehearsing safety procedures and mental health assessment of our students. The March superintendent day became critical to ensure that the health and safety of our students was on the forefront of each employee's mind.
4. March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 – We experienced a very bad storm which caused all county school districts to close. This day brought us down to 179 days, however, cancelling the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 superintendent's day was not an option because it was vital to our community.

When we finalized our attendance counts in the end of July, I realized I had mistakenly miscounted our total attendance days for the 2017-18 school year.

In the 2018-2019 School calendar for Cuba-Rushford, I have increased the number of emergency days up to five days to give us more leeway. I am also committed to ensuring we are in session 181 attendance days should we have emergency days to spare to make up for the one day in 2017-2018 school year.

We will be filing a Schedule A8 to request that the Foundation Aid penalty be waived and would appreciate your consideration and grace.

Sincerely,



Carlos Gildemeister,  
Superintendent of Schools