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TO: School District Superintendents  
School District State Aid Designees  
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School Building Leaders  
Charter School Leaders

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RE: 2020-21 School Year COVID-19 Snow Day Pilot Program

As part of the Department's ongoing efforts to provide districts with flexibility in meeting local needs during the pandemic, the Department is establishing a pilot to enable school districts, at district option, and consistent with each district's opening educational plan, to pivot to remote instruction to provide continuity of instruction on what would otherwise be a day of school closure due to a snow emergency. The pilot is in effect for the 2020-21 school year, after which the Department will review the outcome of the pilot in determining whether to continue this flexibility in subsequent school years.