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TO: School District Superintendents  
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RE: 2021-22 School Year COVID-19 Snow Day Pilot Program

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needs, the Department is extending through the 2021-22 school year the pilot to enable school districts to pivot to remote instruction what would otherwise be a day of school closure due to weather and non-weather emergencies including but not limited to snow, floods, tornadoes, and building fires. This is at the district option and must be consistent with district instructional and reopening plans.

This pilot may result in additional flexibility for the district to utilize additional instructional days, beyond the minimum 180-day requirement for other purposes. Such changes must be consistent with all existing laws and regulations, including the minimum instructional hour requirement, as well as any collective bargaining agreement.

To count such day as a day of instruction, the district must provide remote