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**TO:** School District Superintendents  
School District State Aid Designees  
BOCES District Superintendents  
School Building Leaders  
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**FROM:** Brian S. Cechnicki, Director of Education Finance

**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 one-year pilot to enable school districts, at district option, and consistent with each district's re-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. This 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.