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**Greater Nanticoke Area won't use 'cyber snow days'**

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The Greater Nanticoke Area School District will not use flexible instruction days this school year when bad weather prevents students from coming to school.

The school board tabled a vote at Thursday's meeting on a motion submitting to the state the district's intent to use the new option. Superintendent Ronald Grevera said he had operational concerns about implementing flexible days, explaining the state wanted a response by Sept. 1.

In July, Gov. Tom Wolf signed legislation allowing "cyber snow days," and it required the state Department of Education "to determine specific protocols." The legislation allows flexible instruction days that will count toward the state requirement of having at least 180 instruction days during the school year.

That could help school districts avoid the task of adding school days to the school calendar when snow days pile up during the school year. The legislation also requires school districts who use technology for flexible instruction days to accommodate students who don't have internet access.

School districts in the area typically expect a few snow days a year and schedule additional instruction days. But when the number of snow days exceeds the number of extra days, districts will have to reschedule school on holidays or off days or they'll extend the school calendar.