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Dear parents, guardians, and students,

Polk County was very fortunate during the recent severe weather conditions of Hurricane Matthew.

We pray for those counties and states still dealing with the storm's devastating aftermath. I am proud that our schools were able to serve as shelters for those seeking refuge. Thanks to our staff members who provided hospitality and sanctuary.

We also would like to thank our students, and their parents and guardians for their support and understanding as we made important decisions in addressing this storm.

I am happy to report that Polk County Public Schools will not require make-up days due to Hurricane Matthew.

Earlier this month, schools and district offices were closed for two days due to weather conditions associated with the storm.

Staff has carefully reviewed our instructional time within the 2016-2017 school calendar. After this analysis, we have determined that enough instructional time has been built within the calendar so that make-up days will not be necessary.

We are advising the Florida Department of Education that we have sufficient time built into our instructional calendar; therefore, students will not need to make up days missed during Hurricane Matthew.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jacqueline Byrd, Superintendent