New Calamity Day Provisions
Enacted by Am. Sub. HB 153, state biennial operating budget
Ohio Revised Code Sec. 3313.88

(A)(1) Prior to the first day of August of each school year, the board of education of any
school district or the governing authority of any chartered nonpublic school may submit to the
department of education a plan to require students to access and complete classroom lessons
posted on the district's or nonpublic school's web portal or web site in order to make up days in
that school year on which it is necessary to close schools for any of the reasons specified in
division (B) of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code in excess of the number of days permitted
under sections 3313.48, 3313.481, and 3317.01 of the Revised Code.

Prior to the first day of August of each school year, the governing authority of any
community school established under Chapter 3314. that is not an internet- or computer-based
community school, as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, may submit to the
department a plan to require students to access and complete classroom lessons posted on the
school's web portal or web site in order to make up days or hours in that school year on which it
is necessary to close the school for any of the reasons specified in division (L)(4) of section
3314.08 of the Revised Code so that the school is in compliance with the minimum number of
hours required under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

A plan submitted by a school district board or chartered nonpublic school governing
authority shall provide for making up any number of days, up to a maximum of three days. A
plan submitted by a community school governing authority shall provide for making up any
number of hours, up to a maximum of the equivalent of three days. Provided the plan meets all
requirements of this section, the department shall permit the board or governing authority to
implement the plan for the applicable school year.

(2) Each plan submitted under this section by a school district board of education shall
include the written consent of the teachers’ employee representative designated under division
(B) of section 4117.04 of the Revised Code.

(3) Each plan submitted under this section shall provide for the following:

(a) Not later than the first day of November of the school year, each classroom teacher
shall develop a sufficient number of lessons for each course taught by the teacher that school
year to cover the number of make-up days or hours specified in the plan. The teacher shall
designate the order in which the lessons are to be posted on the district's, community school's, or
nonpublic school's web portal or web site in the event of a school closure. Teachers may be
granted up to one professional development day to create lesson plans for those lessons.

(b) To the extent possible and necessary, a classroom teacher shall update or replace,
based on current instructional progress, one or more of the lesson plans developed under division
(A)(3)(a) of this section before they are posted on the web portal or web site under division
(A)(3)(c) of this section or distributed under division (B) of this section.
(c) As soon as practicable after a school closure, a district or school employee responsible for web portal or web site operations shall make the designated lessons available to students on the district's, community school's, or nonpublic school's portal or site. A lesson shall be posted for each course that was scheduled to meet on the day or hours of the closure.

(d) Each student enrolled in a course for which a lesson is posted on the portal or site shall be granted a two-week period from the date of posting to complete the lesson. The student's classroom teacher shall grade the lesson in the same manner as other lessons. The student may receive an incomplete or failing grade if the lesson is not completed on time.

(e) If a student does not have access to a computer at the student's residence and the plan does not include blizzard bags under division (B) of this section, the student shall be permitted to work on the posted lessons at school after the student's school reopens. If the lessons were posted prior to the reopening, the student shall be granted a two-week period from the date of the reopening, rather than from the date of posting as otherwise required under division (A)(3)(d) of this section, to complete the lessons. The district board or community school or nonpublic school governing authority may provide the student access to a computer before, during, or after the regularly scheduled school day or may provide a substantially similar paper lesson in order to complete the lessons.

(B)(1) In addition to posting classroom lessons online under division (A) of this section, the board of education of any school district or governing authority of any community or chartered nonpublic school may include in the plan distribution of "blizzard bags," which are paper copies of the lessons posted online.

(2) If a school opts to use blizzard bags, teachers shall prepare paper copies in conjunction with the lessons to be posted online and update the paper copies whenever the teacher updates the online lesson plans.

(3) The board of education of any school district or governing authority of any community or chartered nonpublic school that opts to use blizzard bags shall specify in the plan the method of distribution of blizzard bag lessons, which may include, but not be limited to, requiring distribution by a specific deadline or requiring distribution prior to anticipated school closure as directed by the superintendent of a school district or the principal, director, chief administrative officer, or the equivalent, of a school.

(4) Students shall turn in completed lessons in accordance with division (A)(3)(d) of this section.

(C)(1) No school district that implements a plan in accordance with this section shall be considered to have failed to comply with division (B) of section 3317.01 of the Revised Code with respect to the number of make-up days specified in the plan.

(2) No community school that implements a plan in accordance with this section shall be considered to have failed to comply with the minimum number of hours required under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code with respect to the number of make-up hours specified in the plan.