

Winter Weather Information - Families Please Read!

It is hard to believe, but we are in the winter weather season already! We are expecting snow in the region overnight tonight. We will always do our best to get notices of closures out to families as early as possible with the goal of 6:00 AM being the latest we would cancel. We encourage families to make back-up plans for childcare any time winter weather is in the region. When school is canceled the district Facebook page is the first place we will put the notice. All-Calls (automated phone calls), emails, and text messages will be sent out shortly after that.

We also encourage all of our families to go into Infinite Campus and update your contact information to make sure you receive email, phone, and text messages. GENERAL messages are meant for announcements and information that will be good for families to know - updates from the district, deadlines for programs, etc. EMERGENCY messages are sent in the event there is an emergency in the district, the district will be closed, etc.

How do we decide whether or not to have school? Here's a quick list of some of the considerations we take into account:

- Conditions of gravel roads where we drive the greatest number of miles
 - Conditions of bus routes
 - Conditions of the major paved roads
 - What is starting and stopping like?
 - How long do I skid if I hit the brakes hard at 20mph, 35 mph?
 - What are the conditions in the surrounding area? The majority of our certified staff live out of the district while the majority of our classified staff live in-district. Teachers and staff have to be able to get here.
 - What are conditions like now and how might conditions be when students, parents, and buses are on the road in 30, 60, or 90 minutes?
 - Evaluating road conditions around 3:30/4:00 am and comparing the same areas to 5:00 am/5:30 am and predicting how the roads will be at 6:30 am-8:00 am.
 - Are conditions safe for student drivers (will they have enough experience to navigate and understand driving in snow conditions)?
 - Are conditions safe for the buses (can they stop and start on inclines/hills, can they safely turn without sliding into a ditch?)
 - If we get everyone to school, can we get them home safely even if we have to close early?
- Please reach out to us if you have any questions or need assistance. Thank you!