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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into the winter season, I want to take a moment to share how decisions will be made regarding snow days, late starts, and weather-related school closures. The safety of our students, staff, and families is always my top priority, and I am committed to being proactive and transparent throughout the process.

Weather-related decisions are complex and require coordination with multiple individuals, including transportation directors, local road crews, neighboring school districts, and weather services. We take into account road conditions, visibility, temperature, wind chills, and the timing of the storm before deciding whether school can safely be in session.

Whenever possible, my intention is to use a late start before moving to a full-day closure. A late start allows more time for roads to be cleared, school lots to be cleaned, and temperatures to rise, while still giving us the opportunity to hold school if it is safe to do so. If weather is inevitable, I will be proactive and put the district into a late start the night prior.

However, in cases of extreme cold, particularly when wind chills reach the -30s or -40s, we will always err on the side of caution. In such conditions, the risk to students waiting at bus stops or walking to school can become extremely dangerous if the students aren't dressed appropriately. We may possibly utilize a late start in these situations as well. In extreme cases we could possibly call off school.

Please know that these decisions are never taken lightly. I will do my best to communicate any delays or closures as early as possible to help your family make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and continued support as we work together to keep our students safe. We do understand that every decision made regarding weather is not always agreed with. We do ask that if you're frustrated with a weather-related decision, please do not get upset with our office professionals. They do not have anything to do with the decisions being made. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Every School. Every Student. Every Day.

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