PALMYRA R-1
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Palmyra R-1 Students,

Winter presents us with a lot of adverse weather and icy roads. In preparation for this winter the school district has prepared late start and hard surface roads only options during the winter season. We may use these options some days throughout the winter season or other emergencies.

The need to close school or delay the opening of school for the safety of our students and staff is a decision we take very seriously. Students are better served both academically and socially by being in school, however, student and staff welfare is our top priority.

The following procedures will be implemented for a **two-hour delay**:

1. The superintendent, in conjunction with other school officials, will strive to decide by 6:00 a.m. to either close or delay the opening of school and will announce it to the radio and television media.

2. When a two-hour delay announcement is made, continue to listen to the radio and television for updated information. If conditions deteriorate, a decision will be made to close school for the day by 7:30.

3. During a delayed-start situation, morning bus transportation will be delayed two hours from normal pick-up times. Students are required to be at their bus stop five (5) minutes early even though buses could be running slow due to weather conditions. Please be sure your children dress appropriately.

4. When school is delayed, it is important that you **DO NOT** send or drop off your children at school prior to the delayed start time. Building staff will not be available to supervise children before that time.

5. Morning preschool classes will be canceled for the day with afternoon classes remaining the same as scheduled.

6. Breakfast will be offered at all three buildings. The lunch program will run as usual with some possible changes in serving times and/or menus.

7. School dismissal will remain at the normal time when school is delayed.

8. Scheduled co-curricular activities will be adjusted accordingly to district needs.

9. Vocational students will not attend morning vocational classes when school is on a delayed schedule.

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The following procedures will be implemented for **hard surface only**:

1. The superintendent will announce when the hard roads only policy will be used. Hard surface situations may occur when county roads are icy, or too soft, etc. for bus travel, but the main roads are safe for travel.

2. Parents will be notified using the same methods as we use when school is dismissed for weather-related reasons.

3. Children can be at any of the stops on your bus stop list that are most convenient for your family.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Transportation Department, 573/769-2963.

Educationally,

Mr. Jason Harper
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Bus drivers will pick up and drop off at the following times and locations when **hard surface only** situations are in effect.

Bus #	Hard Surface Only Pick-up/Drop-off Location	AM Pick-up Time	PM Drop-off Time
1	Highway 6 and Route A	7:10	3:45
1	18 Wheeler	7:30	3:30
2	Tic Toc Motel	6:50	3:25
2	West Quincy Pawn Shop	7:05	3:40
2	Old Taylor Post Office	7:15	3:55
3	Highway F, Hidden Valley Subdivision	7:00	3:40
4	County Road 339 and corner of Highway 168	7:20	3:40
4	County Road 401 and corner of Highway 168 (Next to Klocke Farms Business Office)	7:30	3:20
5	Junction of Route U and County Road 250	7:25	—
5	Junction of Route U and County Road 252	7:30	—
5	Junction of Route E and County Road 250	—	3:25
5	Junction of Route E and County Road 252	—	3:30
6	Pipeline	7:30	3:35
7	Junction of Michael's Crossing and Route OO	7:30	3:36
7	Junction of County Road 185 and Highway 168	7:33	3:28
7	Junction of County Road 183 and Highway 168	7:35	3:25
8	Junction of County Road 329 and County Road 320	7:25	3:35
9	County Road 406, Highway KK	-	3:15
9	County Road 421 Withers Mill	-	3:45

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

This winter, the Palmyra R-1 School District will be authorized to use Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) days. AMI days are designed to keep students engaged in learning when inclement weather prevents us from holding school in person.

How AMI Days Will Work
AMI days will only be utilized when school is in session, but there is a high probability of a closure the following day**.** In these cases, families will be notified that if school is canceled the next day, it will be an AMI day**.** If we do not have a situation in which we can provide notification of an AMI day prior to a snow day; we will not implement AMI day procedures.

- **Palmyra Elementary School:** Students will be provided with enrichment activities to take home in advance.
- **Palmyra Middle School and High School:** Students will receive enrichment assignments through Google Classroom or other means via iPad. If a student does not have internet access at home, they can gather work from their teachers prior to leaving the day the AMI day is announced.

Teacher Availability
Teachers will be available to answer questions and respond to emails and answer questions through Google Classroom from **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** on AMI days.

Student Expectations
Students are expected to complete their AMI work and turn it in when they return to school. However, time will be provided to complete the work if needed.

Why Use AMI Days?
The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (**DESE**) allows approved AMI days to count as regular school days, meaning they can help eliminate make-up days at the end of the year and support the district's attendance (ADA) reporting**.**

AMI days are intended to keep students and teachers connected to learning while also providing flexibility and safety during bad weather. If you have any questions or concerns about how AMI days will work, please contact your child's building office.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in helping our students succeed!

Warm regards,

Jason Harper
Superintendent
Palmyra R-1 School District