East Porter
County School Corporation

Dear Parents, Patrons, and Staff of East Porter County School Corporation,

As we reflect on the past couple of days and think about future weather events, I would like to provide some clarity regarding the decision-making process for school attendance during inclement weather. Our primary goal is to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and families while maintaining the continuity of education. We recognize that late calls are difficult and create challenges for both families and staff. We apologize for any inconvenience that the late call may have caused. Our goal is always to provide a safe caring learning environment for our students. We will continue to do our best but recognize that whether a delay or a cancellation we know that it is difficult for our working families.

Here are a few important points to keep in mind:

- The decision to call off school or delay it due to weather conditions is never made lightly. We continuously monitor road conditions, weather forecasts, and consult with local authorities to make the best decision possible. However, weather conditions can change rapidly, and it is impossible to predict with certainty how bad the conditions will be until after they have occurred. While we do our best to determine the safest course of action, please remember that the final decision on whether to send your child to school rests with you, the parent.
- **School Bus Transportation:** We believe school buses are the safest means of transportation to school. Our bus drivers are highly trained, take extra care in poor conditions, and are in constant communication via radios to ensure a quick response in case of an emergency. We will make every effort to ensure the routes are safe for travel, but you, as parents, know your local road conditions best.
- **Driving to School:** If your child drives themselves to school, please make sure they are aware of the road conditions. Major roads or highways are often treated first and may be the safest option. Take some time to sit down with your child and discuss alternative routes if necessary. It is better for them to take extra time and drive cautiously rather than rushing to school and potentially putting themselves in danger. If you are concerned about your child driving to school, the bus is always an option.

While we strive to make decisions that prioritize safety, we recognize that each family has different circumstances. We ask that you carefully assess the weather and road conditions in your area and make the decision that is best for your child's safety.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us maintain a safe environment for all students.

Sincerely,
Aaron J. Case
Superintendent
East Porter County School Corporation

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GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL DELAYS AND CLOSINGS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

- Weather conditions are both variable and extreme in Northwest Indiana.
- Concrete rules do not exist for making decisions regarding variable and extreme weather, but these guidelines will serve as a reference for the East Porter County School Corporation
    - East Porter believes the public expects schools to be open and to provide education, supervision, and other services (including meals) to its students.
    - East Porter believes all parents are committed to keeping children safe and these parents will dress their children appropriately for the weather when sending their children to school.
    - East Porter recognizes that it's first and foremost a parental decision to determine if a child should attend school on inclement weather days.
    - East Porter respects a parent's determination regarding their child's attendance at school during inclement weather. If school is open or delayed because of inclement weather, the school will respect the parent's to keep their child at home. Parents are expected to contact the school and inform school officials of their determination. The student will be excused and will be given an opportunity to complete their academic work.
- To learn more about student expectations during e-learning, please go to https://bit.ly/EPelearing.