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Dear Families and Staff,

The cold weather has set in, and with it come periods of very low temperatures and increased wind chills. I want to take a moment to share how weather-related decisions are made during times of extreme cold.

As shared in prior communications regarding snow days and road conditions, decisions about school closures are always made with student and staff safety as the top priority. At the same time, our goal is to remain open and provide instruction whenever conditions allow.

In addition to monitoring road conditions, we closely follow weather forecasts, consult with neighboring districts, and assess local conditions. When temperatures drop into the single digits, we also evaluate sustained wind chill values, particularly when wind chills approach or remain near -20 °F or colder for extended periods of time. This temperature threshold has been the standard used in Clinton County for at least as long as I have been an administrator. Brief dips into those temperatures are considered differently than prolonged exposure.

There are several factors that go into these decisions, and we carefully weigh all available information before determining whether school can safely remain open. We appreciate your understanding as conditions can change and decisions must sometimes be made with limited notice.

We also recognize that individual families may have unique circumstances, and if you feel a different decision is safest for your family, we respect and support that judgment.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we navigate winter conditions together.

Sincerely,

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