Emergency/Inclement Weather Procedures

We wanted to remind everyone of our protocols with school closures and other District emergency procedures. Please know that everyone will be notified through our Emergency Notification System (Blackboard) in the form of a phone call, text, and/or email of any school closure. We will also be posting winter weather information on local TV stations, District social media platforms, and informing the WCCO radio station.

Should inclement weather or other emergency situation(s) require the District to close school(s) the following procedures shall be followed:

**When School is Closed**

1. Automated calls will be placed to parent contact information around 6:00 a.m. or as soon as practical using the District’s Emergency Notification System (ENS) if conditions warrant the closing of schools.

2. Listen to radio station WCCO (AM 830) and/or watch WCCO-Channel 4, KSTP-Channel 5, FOX-Channel 9 or KARE-Channel 11 for announcements. Normally decisions are called in by 6:00 a.m., but there can be delays in getting through or having the announcement read.

3. All school activities are assumed to be canceled. This includes practices, rehearsals, open gym, games, concerts, Community Education, and all other District sponsored events.

**When School is Delayed (Late Start) or Dismissed Early**

1. Automated calls will be placed to parent contact information around 6:00 a.m. or as soon as practical using the District’s Emergency Notification System (ENS) if conditions warrant a delay or early dismissal of schools.

2. Listen to radio station WCCO (AM 830) and/or watch WCCO-Channel 4, KSTP-Channel 5, FOX-Channel 9 or KARE-Channel 11 for announcements.

3. All school activities are assumed to be canceled with an early dismissal. This includes practices, rehearsals, open gym, games, concerts, Community Education, and all other District sponsored events.

These are guidelines and may be adjusted in accordance with the circumstances and weather conditions. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

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