



School District of West De Pere

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“Weather Emergencies”

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The winter months are coming quickly and here are a few reminders in regard to inclement weather days.

Communication technology - SchoolMessenger:

The school will conduct weather-related notifications via SchoolMessenger. This service allows the district to communicate rapidly with parents through voice, text, and email messages. Information that is currently stored in Powerschool will be used to send these notifications. If you need this information changed, please contact your child's school.

You make the call:

As parents/guardians, you are the best judge of your own situation and what is best for your child. If school is held, and you find it is safer for your child to stay home or report late, we will strongly support your decision. The district typically makes a decision about school closings or delays between 5:00-5:45 a.m. That decision may not fit your individual situation.

Closing Due to Fog, Snow, or Ice:

The district reviews weather conditions through a variety of sources. Conversations are then held with the bus transportation company, as well as with individuals who live in various parts of the community. Safety is always our top priority. Whether or not the conditions will be improving throughout the day is also considered.

Closing Due to Extreme Cold:

When the wind chill reaches the 35 degree below zero level for the length of the day, then schools are usually canceled around our area. If the conditions are expected to improve during the day, then school may not be canceled but require a delayed start. It is important that you work with your child so they dress for the conditions.

Early Dismissal:

Early dismissal is not an option we like to use unless conditions are expected to get worse throughout the day. This is primarily due to the fact that many parents work and your child is safer at school. **Please have a plan in place in the event of late starts and early dismissals.** It is helpful if your child is aware of the plan.

Your Understanding and Cooperation is

Appreciated. For every person who is happy with a weather-related decision, there is someone who is unhappy. We appreciate your understanding of the difficulties and the timing of our decision. Your support in helping your child get to and from school safely on winter days is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you,

Jason Lau PhD
Superintendent

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