

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Weather in Wisconsin is often unpredictable. I want to provide you with a short overview of our process for determining school closures.

We watch the weather very closely in the winter months. On nights when weather is forecasted to cause any issues that might impact the safety of our students arriving at school, we are actively assessing the situation by 4:45 a.m. and want to make a decision before 6:00 a.m. Once a decision is made about a closure or delayed start time, this information is added to our website, and posted on local TV and radio stations. We also use the messaging feature of Infinite Campus to share information with parents once a decision is made to close/delay school.

For snow events, our bus company has two people checking roads in different parts of our school district as I am reviewing the predicted weather patterns through various weather websites and news outlets. I am particularly assessing the timing of the snow/ice, how much snow/ice is predicted, how it will impact getting students to and from school, and consulting with Lamer's Bus Lines on their thoughts on the road conditions. Additionally, I am in conversation with other superintendents in neighboring school districts to compare reports. Particularly I speak with my colleagues in Deforest and Middleton, and often get calls from other superintendent's around the area.

For cold weather, the main indicator is wind chill factor. If the wind chill factor generates a Wind Chill Warning (-35 sustained wind chill) we will close for the day, or may consider a delayed start if the warning will be lifted in the mid-morning hours. We will hold school during a wind-chill advisory.

Finally, if there is ever a time that we hold school and you do not feel it is in the best interest of your child to attend based on your assessment of the weather, please know that we will excuse those absences. Please communicate with the school office if you make this decision as a parent.

Stay warm and enjoy our Wisconsin weather.

Randy Guttenberg, Superintendent