

- IMPORTANT -

TO: District #86 Parents
FROM: Tony Ingold, Superintendent
RE: Weather Conditions
DATE: 10-21-10

The cold weather season is now upon us, and it is time to remind parents of the procedures that are used when we face weather dilemmas. The following are general guidelines that are used to determine if school is to be cancelled:

- 1) The local law enforcement officials and weather bureau are contacted by 5 a.m. in an effort to assess weather and highway conditions. The Superintendents of the High School, Robein, and Creve Coeur will also be consulted. First Student is contacted before 6 a.m. to determine if busses are prepared and able to safely transport students.
- 2) An effort is made to predict the weather conditions that students will face between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Wind chill factor is also considered as **one** variable.
- 3) Our transportation source is then notified, and local radio stations are notified in order to have information available to you before 6:30 a.m. It is important to listen to your radio and television stations because notification will be made before 6:30 a.m. to the stations.

Following is a listing of the radio and television stations we contact:

WHOI –TV	Lite Rock 107 FM	WMBD – 1470 AM
WMBD –TV	WPBG - 93.3 FM	WIRL – 1290 AM
WEEK - TV	WPEO – 1020 AM	MAX FM – 102.3 FM
WOLF 104.9 FM	WCIC – 91.5 FM	

***PLEASE DO NOT CALL YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN'S SCHOOL OFFICE TO FIND OUT IF SCHOOL WILL BE CANCELLED. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY ONE CALL NOW. PLEASE BE AWARE THESE PHONE CALLS MAY BEGIN AT 5:45 AM. ALSO THE INFORMATION WILL ALWAYS BE ANNOUNCED BY RADIO AND TELEVISION IN SUFFICIENT TIME.**

We will post the announcement on our website ASAP.

- 1) If school is held and weather conditions worsen during the day, an early dismissal decision must be made as early as possible because of our contract bus situation. Early dismissal notification will be aired by 11:00 a.m. if those occasions arise. However, because of working parents, and babysitting problems, it may be a wiser decision to not dismiss early and adhere to the daily schedule once school is in session. We would recommend listening to one of the above radio stations on days when this possibility exists.
- 2) If other types of severe weather occur, (tornado conditions, etc.) students will be held at school in safe areas until an all clear signal has been received or until a parent chooses to pick up the child. The school will take all necessary safety precautions if such weather conditions present themselves.
- 3) If you feel that weather conditions are so severe as to present a danger to your child, we recommend that you keep your child at home, or if necessary, go to your child's school and pick him/her up early. This type of absence will be considered excused. This type of situation normally occurs when wind chill factors are being considered or when wintry conditions crop up during the day when students are already in school.