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Emergency Closure Procedures

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Canceling school is a complicated decision that affects students, families, and school staff. Providing students with a safe place to learn is a top priority for Fox Lake Grade School District 114 and is the primary consideration in making a school closing decision.

Making the Decision to Close

When severe weather is expected on a school day, we examine many factors, including the following:

- What are the predictions of several local weather forecasts?
- What are the anticipated road conditions at the time students and staff will be traveling to school?
- Will the actual temperature be -20° F or colder?
- Will the wind chill temperature (“feels like”) be -35° F or colder? (Wind Chill Warning)
- Are our building systems functioning properly? (e.g., power/heat/water)
- Are our buses operating and do we have drivers?
- Can our families and staff travel safely to school by car?
- Will students be safe walking or waiting at bus stops in appropriate winter clothing?
- What are the decisions of our neighboring districts?

We determine whether to close school no later than 5:30 AM. If we have enough information to make a decision the evening before, we will always try to do so.

At this time, we do not have a late start schedule in place. In D114, we either open on time or close. We are working on a two-hour delay plan, but will only implement this once it has been communicated to families and staff with plenty of time to prepare for this as an option.

If it becomes necessary to cancel school, we will notify parents and staff using the contact information in Skyward (e.g., home and cell phone numbers, and email addresses). If any of your information has changed, please contact your school office.

We notify families of a closure via:

- Email and automated phone calls
- The District 114 website at www.d114.org
- The District 114 Twitter feed @FLGSD114

The superintendent makes the final decision regarding school closure. Although we strive each and every time to make the best decision regarding school closure, oftentimes no perfect decision exists.

As a parent, you have the best perspective to determine the right course of action for your child. On severe weather days, you may decide to transport your child to school or determine that you want to keep your child at home. If you disagree with a decision to hold school on a day when you believe the weather is hazardous, you can certainly keep your child home. Please contact your child's school absence line to report the absence as an excused absence.

We truly appreciate your partnership, patience, and understanding throughout these cold winter months. We don't take these decisions lightly—the safety of our students and staff is our top priority.

Sincerely,

Heather Friziellie

Superintendent

Fox Lake Grade School District 114