## Prairie Home R-V School District

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Dear Prairie Home Family,

I should have put this letter out sooner than today. While looking at the weather forecast today, I realized that I did not have anything on our website about inclement weather school cancellations.

When considering school cancellations, the safety of all students in the district is the first consideration. School district personnel will check on bus routes, check local conditions, and the forecasted weather for the entire day, is also considered. Administrators then communicate with each other and other administrators in the area to gain their perspective before decision is made.

**Notification:** In the event of school cancellation, notice will be provided as soon as the decision is reached. The best notification will be through our school alert system, school Facebook and/or Twitter, or school website. If you are not receiving alerts, then please contact office. We will also contact Local radio (KCLR 99.3FM and KWRT 1370AM) and TV stations (KOMU-TV 8, KRCG 13, KMIZ 17).

Late Starts (2 hour delay): We will use this option when conditions will be better a little later in the morning. On late start days, we will begin school at 10 AM. Doors will open at 9:30 AM.

Snow Routes (Blacktop only): We will use this option when gravel road condition might not be completely ready for bus travel, but other roads are ready for bus travel. If you need to know where your student would be picked up for snow routes, then please call the office.

Early Dismissal: An early dismissal will be used when conditions are expected to worsen throughout the day. This option will be used sparingly and avoided whenever possible. If early dismissal becomes necessary, the district will announce and post dismissal time. The standard early dismissal schedule will be used when possible. Again text alerts will be sent and radio/TV stations will be posting school lists.

Please understand that this is a decision that is based solely on safety of our students and families and that safety will also be our first priority.

Sincerely,

Scott Gemes, Superintendent