Board of EducationUnified School District 298

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To the Patrons of USD 298,

As we draw closer to potential inclement weather, the decision to close school is not taken lightly. Closure decisions are based on a variety of factors including reports from the National Weather Service and a collaborative effort from local, county and area-wide individuals who report on the road and weather conditions.

It is the intent and long-standing practice of USD #298 to remain open as long as roads are open and passable. However, since road conditions vary a great deal in different areas of our school district, it is difficult to make one decision that is right for everyone. Therefore, individual patrons are encouraged to make their own personal safety decisions based on the road conditions in their area. School children will be given excused absences if a parent feels their route to school is not safe when their school is open.

Weather is one of the special challenges that make Lincoln County a unique and wonderful place to live. In the event that the decision is made to close school, you will receive a message via School Messenger, Y93.7 FM, 99.9 KSKG FM, 910 KINA AM, 104.9 FM, 105.5 KVSV FM, KSAL Newstalk 1150 AM, television stations, KSN TV-Channel 3, KAKE TV-Channel 10 and KWCH TV-Channel 12.

In some weather instances, for the safety of students and bus drivers, a school late start time of 10:00 AM will be initiated and you will receive this information via School Messenger, radio and television stations listed above. This means your bus will arrive later to allow safe travels from home to school; AM Pre-school and AM Kindergarten will be in session on Late Start days.

If you have any questions, please stop by the Board Office, call or email me.

Thank you.

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