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## Heightened Alert for Weather Impact on Wednesday and Thursday

You may be aware that there is the possibility of severe weather in our area on Wednesday (2/15) and Thursday (2/16). We are providing you with this information to help you plan and prepare. We already have a wind advisory in effect for Wednesday.

On Wednesday, our area may be impacted by high winds and isolated storms. Our buses have the potential to be greatly impacted with any winds over 35 mph. Please make note that the arrival and departure times could vary.

On Thursday, severe weather impacts are possible after lunch into the evening. This includes the possibility of a squall line of severe thunderstorms or even a possible tornado. Timing is still being adjusted but know anything weather related between 2:20 and 4:15 could impact our overall operations. Afternoon storms during our daily release always make our decision difficult, as storm timing and advancement is not an exact science. Please know that we are in contact with the NWS, follow local meteorologist, and monitor weather apps.

As a reminder, should we come under a tornado warning during school hours, we cease operation. This means we do not answer the phone or conduct official office check-outs, and will not do a general release for students to exit to the bus, carlines, or their vehicles until the warning is lifted.

Parents who will have students attending and driving to the Austin basketball game in Hanceville – We request that you discuss travel plans and remain in contact with your student should severe weather approach the area. As a reminder, DCS has no operational control over the AHSAA tournament.