



FLANAGAN-CORNELL

UNIT 74

POSSIBLE EARLY DISMISSAL

Flanagan Cornell Unit 74 Communities,

We have been monitoring the weather forecast for the remainder of the week and it shows temperatures and heat indexes towards triple-digits. The combination of rising heat and humidity levels coupled with a lack of consistent air conditioned spaces could very well impact the facility's ability to provide a successful learning environment for both students and staff. In the event that the heat, and/or humidity rise to a level that creates safety concerns, or causes the facilities to become unbearable, school will be dismissed at **10:00 am**. All students will be given a sack lunch, and then released home. Determination on after-school activities will be made on a case-by-case basis.

The default dismissal procedures for all students will be whatever the student's normal routine is for that day. For example, if your son/daughter normally rides a bus home, we will plan to put them on the bus at the dismissal time. You do NOT need to call or notify us if there is no change in plans. However if you would like your child to follow an alternative arrangement, please call our Elementary or High School office to make them aware of the plan as soon as possible.

We are NOT at this time making a determination to dismiss early on any specific day the remainder of the week. The reason is that the Illinois School Code only allows us to dismiss after 5-hours of instructional time with pre-notification. Under that rule, we would need to stay until the regularly scheduled 1:30 pm early release time in order for the day to count as a day of attendance. Considering the tentative forecast, dismissing at 1:30 will not alleviate the heat-related risks and concerns. In order to dismiss earlier than 1:30 we must wait until the day of, and make a determination based upon the circumstances that exist once students are in school. All determinations will be made **NO LATER THAN 9:00 AM** through our district website, app, social media, and text/phone call services.

With the forecast for the remainder of the week being unfavorable, we wanted to take the opportunity to inform all of you, ahead of time, of what will take place if the forecast holds true.

Please do not hesitate to contact your building administrator or myself if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

Ryan Hansen
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