



# Lake County School District No. 7

“Preparing Today For A Successful Tomorrow”

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RE: **SCHOOL CLOSURES**

Lake County School District #7 (LCSD #7) would like to remind parents and community members that the district may need to occasionally close or delay school for inclement weather during the winter season or other emergency situations. These situations can include interruptions in the ability to heat schools, provide power or water to the buildings, as well as natural events such as earthquakes, floods, or fires. Weather that brings high winds, snow, hail, or other elements that affect transportation safety is the most common reason for closing schools.

The procedures that LCSD #7 follows in the decision to close school include careful monitoring of multiple weather reports, coordinating with the Lake County Road Department and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) personnel, and evaluating the district's ability to safely open school doors on time.

LCSD #7's bus fleet includes buses that have drop-down chains, studded snow tires, and strobe lights for low visibility conditions. The district's bus drivers are very experienced in inclement weather and aren't afraid to make the tough call to turn around in an unsafe situation. They maintain a line of communication with the business manager, district, road departments, and each other at all times.

The decision to close/delay school and/or school functions is usually made as early in the morning as possible but could occur any time throughout the day based on current weather conditions. When the decision is made to close or delay school, the following methods are used to communicate this closure to parents and the community:

- All local radio and television stations are notified
  - KLCR 95.3 FM, KORV 93.5 FM, Channel 5 KOBI, Channel 10 KTVL, Channel 12 KDRV
- Lake County School District #7 website: [www.lakeview.k12.or.us](http://www.lakeview.k12.or.us)
- After 8:00 AM, information will also be available from the district office 541-947-3347

If you have any other questions regarding school closures please call the district office at 541-947-3347.

Sincerely,

R. Michael Carter  
Superintendent