

## School Disruptions Due to Weather and Emergencies

Dear Glendive Public Schools Parents,

Unfortunately, there is always the potential of unforeseen emergencies such as threats, natural disasters (earthquakes, floods, tornadoes), hazardous material breaches (chemical spills, gas leaks, refinery accidents), and unpredictable weather. While the potential exists, ***all students, parents and school employees should assume, even during emergencies, that school will be in session and buses will be running as scheduled unless there is an official notification from the Superintendent to the contrary.***

To achieve the maximum safety for all children and the efficiency of operations, the Superintendent may order the:

- Cancellation of some or all bus routes
- Delay of some or all bus routes
- Closure of school(s)
- Delay of school start
- Early dismissal of school

In making these decisions, the District believes that in most cases, schools are a safe place for students. The District also believes that school buses are very safe for children as they are heavy, well maintained and driven by well-trained and qualified individuals. It is also important to note that the closure of school is a serious decision and one that is rarely made. The District will take a variety of factors into consideration. Please see our website for more information under the Parents & Students Tab – click on Emergency Info.

Keeping in mind that bad weather and unforeseen emergencies can happen at any time and that disruptions to school schedules require the District to distribute information to a lot of people in a very short amount of time, please **seek out** information if you have any question as to what is happening. If it is deemed appropriate to put into effect any of the above-mentioned actions, you should look for notification here instead of calling the school as they are not staffed to answer hundreds of phone calls:

- **\*Apptegy:** Mass app, text, and/or voicemail notification from the GPS automated system
- **GPS Twitter:** @glendiveschools
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/glendiveschools>
- **GPS Website:** [www.glendiveschools.com](http://www.glendiveschools.com)
- **Media:** KXGN and/or MidRivers Cable Channel 101
- **Radio Stations:** KXGN 1400 AM, KDZN 96.5 FM, KGLE 590 AM
- *Please be aware we have no control over when the media or radio begins posting or announcing our information.*

Please note: **If the decision is to operate as usual, there will NOT be postings or announcements.**

**\*Apptegy will be used to keep you as informed as possible. For more information about the Apptegy system, please see the “Apptegy Parent Notification System” letter that was sent with this letter.**

**For Apptegy to work, it is essential that parents keep the school updated on any changes in contact information.** If you have any changes, please let the school of your student know.

As parents, you are the final authority as to whether or not you believe it is safe for your child to get to school. If you believe that it is too cold or the snow is too deep or the weather is too unsettled, your decision may be to keep your child home. **You have the right and responsibility to make attendance decisions for your children based on your individual circumstances.** Please notify your student’s school as you would for any other absence. The absence may be excused and for high school students, it will not count towards attendance school.

Each school has inclement weather procedures regarding building entrance upon arrival, recesses and bus dismissal waiting areas. Please consult your school’s procedures for more information.

Thank you for your support and for helping the District keep all students safe.

Sincerely,



Stephen Schreibeis  
Superintendent  
Glendive Public Schools