

## **Winter Storm Weather Announcements will be broadcast over the following radio and television stations:**

### Radio Stations

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| WJON – AM | 1240  | St. Cloud  |
| WWJO – FM | 98.1  | St. Cloud  |
| KNSI – AM | 1450  | St. Cloud  |
| KCLD – FM | 104.7 | St. Cloud  |
| KZPK – FM | 98.9  | St. Cloud  |
| KCML – FM | 99.9  | St. Cloud  |
| KDUZ – AM | 1260  | Hutchinson |
| KARP – FM | 106.9 | Hutchinson |
| KLFD – AM | 1410  | Litchfield |

### Television Stations

KMSP Fox 9 Channel 9  
KSTP Channel 5  
KARE 11 Channel 11  
WCCO Channel 4

### Other Media

St. Cloud Times  
Kimball Schools App available for Apple or Android smart phones  
School Website  
Kimball Schools Messaging System

## **School Closing Criteria**

Closing school due to poor weather conditions is always a difficult decision. Although our primary goal is to educate students, we are always concerned with the safe transportation of our students to and from school. Consideration is given to weather reports, visibility, wind, existing snow, road conditions, temperature, daylight hours, highway department recommendations, and reports from the National Weather Service. In deciding to close or postpone school, Kimball Area Public Schools consults with the bus company, weather sites, and surrounding school districts to determine whether or not it is safe to transport students. Consideration for closing schools due to temperature will be considered when there is a sustained wind chill of -45. We will make every effort to post decisions before 6:00 am.

**PLEASE NOTE** that at any time during inclement weather, parents have the option of keeping their children at home. However, we are confident in our bussing service to pick up students in a timely fashion in warm, safe buses. Parents should dress their children appropriately for inclement weather.

The BEST way to receive timely notices regarding school closures is through the School Messenger system at Kimball Area Public Schools. You can download the app on your smart phone by searching for Kimball Schools in the Apple or Android app store. In addition, **please make sure all contact information for your family is current at your student's school.**

### **What Parents Should Do:**

Listen, watch, or check online for weather related school announcements. Please do not call the school, school personnel, or the bus companies. These phone lines are being used for or must be kept available for the weather emergency. If everyone calls, it is impossible to make the necessary notifications.

The decision to have school during inclement weather has to do with the school's ability to safely transport students. However, if a parent feels that it is unsafe for their child to go to school, the parent should keep their child home. The final decision to send a child to school during inclement weather rests with the parent.

### **2 Hour Late Start**

In the event of a 2 hour late start, all morning Early Childhood classes are cancelled.

### **Early Closings**

Notice of an early closing will be given by the same sources as listed above. Parents must have alternate child care plans made and clearly explained to their child. It is important for parents to review these plans with their young children. If your children are to go home and there is no one there, make sure they have a key to get into the house and adequate supervision.

All Community Education Classes will be cancelled for early closings.

## **Extra Curricular Activities**

When school is canceled because of inclement weather, normally all extra curricular activities are cancelled as well. There may be very rare circumstances whereby some extra curricular practices/events may be held. It remains the parent's decision whether or not to have their student participate in these practices. No student will be penalized in any way for not participating on a day when school has been canceled.

When school is closed early because of inclement weather, all extra curricular activities will be canceled. Students are to go directly home.