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Dear Barneveld School District Parents and Guardians,

The following information explains in detail our decision-making protocols for determining if there will be a weather related school delay or cancellation.

We watch the weather very closely during the winter months. On nights when weather is forecasted to cause any issues that might impact the safety of our students arriving at school, we are actively assessing the situation by 4:00 a.m. and strive to make a decision on any delay or cancellation before 6:15 a.m. Once a decision is made about a closure or delayed start time, this information is posted on our website, broadcast on local TV and sent to parents using our district-wide messaging system. We will use the messaging system to send each parent in our database a text message and phone call. If your contact information has changed since you last reviewed it during the online summer registration process, please call your school office to inform them of the changes.

For snow events our bus coordinator is in communication with the village and/or county plows that are driving the roads of our school district to assess driving conditions. Additionally, I receive information from local and state meteorologist, who provide a thorough summary of current and predicted weather conditions. Additionally, I am in conversation with other superintendents in neighboring school districts to compare reports. Particularly I speak with my colleagues in Mineral Point, Dodgeville, Pecatonica and Mount Horeb. Please know that the bus route terrain for each school district varies widely so a neighboring school district may cancel or delay but we will not based on the weather and road conditions impacting us.

For cold weather, it is the wind chill factor that we watch closely. If the cold temperatures and wind generates a Wind Chill Warning (defined by the National Weather Service as - 35 degrees Fahrenheit sustained wind chill) we will close for the day, **or** we will consider a delayed start if the warning will be lifted in the mid-morning hours. We **will** hold school during a wind-chill advisory.

Finally, if there is ever a time that we hold school / school event and you do not feel it is in the best interest of your child to attend based on your assessment of the weather, please know that it is always your choice to keep your child at home. Please communicate with the school office if you make this decision as a parent.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about weather related delays / cancellations. Best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Brett Stousland, Superintendent