

October 2020

Dear Silex R-I Parents,

Winter is just around the corner, and inclement weather is always a possibility. I would like to address the factors regarding weather-related school closings. Every effort will be made to provide cancellation notices as early as possible. Local radio and television stations are notified when a decision is made. School closings will also be sent via School Reach and posted on our app and social media pages. Please tune in to these local media outlets for information on questionable weather days: KWWR 95.7 FM and Channels 2, 4 and 5. Here are a few reminders about inclement weather days. First and Foremost: You Make the Call. You are always the best judge of your own situation and what is best for your child. The District makes our decision on what is best for all students and staff, and that decision may not fit your individual situation. Before deciding to close school due to inclement weather, school district personnel drive the bus routes to check firsthand on local conditions and consult officials in neighboring school districts. Whether or not the conditions will be improving throughout the day is also considered. Safety is always our top priority.

**Early Dismissal/Late Start/Snow Routes** – Early dismissal is not an option we like to use, unless conditions are expected to get worse throughout the day. This is primarily due to the fact that many parents work, and the children are safer at school. Please try to have a plan in place to handle early dismissals. Please make sure we have your most up-to-date phone numbers and contact information.

**Late Start** – If necessary and weather permits, the school district may use a Late Start. Buses will run their route two hours later than the normal times. School will not officially start until 10:00 a.m. on that day, but students may be dropped off at school starting at 7:40 a.m. The school day will end at the regular time 3:00 p.m.

**Snow Routes** – If necessary and weather permits, the school district may use a Snow Route. We will run buses only on black top roads designated as part of the Snow Route. Snow Routes are listed on the bottom of this letter. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated. For every person who is happy with a weather-related decision, there is someone who is unhappy. We appreciate your understanding of the difficulties and the timing of our decisions. Your support in helping your child get to and from school safely on inclement weather days is sincerely appreciated.

If schools are closed, please refer to the Silex R-I School District calendar for make-up days. Make-up days are used in the order they appear on the calendar. I am honored and privileged to serve as your Superintendent of Schools. Our focus and attention will always be to ensure the success and safety of the children of the Silex R-I School District.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rod Hamlett  
Superintendent of Silex R-1 School District

**2020-2021 Snow Routes:**

Students whose address is located on a state highway will be picked up where their driveway intersects the state highway, unless noted differently under the student's route. If the student does not have a state highway address, he/she can be picked up at the snow route bus stops listed for the student's bus route.

**Bus #2 -Mr. Gibson's route:** Pick up points will be where county roads intersect Hwy. H. & Tagg Road at Hwy. H, pick up time 7:12 a.m. Hwy. BB and Ridgemount Drive intersection will be a stopping point until 7:20 a.m. and resume the route north on Hwy. H. Pick up point for New Town will be Hwy. E and Hickory at New Town Silex at 7:35 a.m.

**Bus #3 -Ms.Tammy Boedeker's route:** The first pick up point will be at the Olney Baptist Church at 7:00-7:15 a.m. Second stopping point will be where Hwy.O and Hwy.E intersect at 7:15 a.m. Third stopping point will be where Hwy.O and Corso Rd. intersect at 7:18 a.m. Fourth stopping point will be where Hwy. PP and Kelch Rd. intersect at 7:25 a.m. Fifth stopping point will be where Hwy. PP and Ratermann Rd. intersect at 7:27 a.m. then back to school on Hwy.PP/"Little H".

**Bus #1 -Mrs. Denise Hegger's route:** The first pick up point will be where Hwy. Z and Perks Rd. intersect at 6:35 a.m. Second stopping point will be where Hwy. Z and John I. Wilson Rd. intersect at 6:50 a.m. The bus will turn around and the third stopping point will be where Hwy. Z and Kelch Rd. intersect at 6:55 a.m.

**Bus #6 -Mrs. Denise Groshong's route:** The first pick up point will be at JR Diamonds at 7:10 a.m. Second stopping point will be where Hwy.E intersects with Mill Creek Church Rd. at 7:20 a.m. Third stopping point will be where Hwy. E intersects Hwy. RA at 7:25 a.m. (Will not go down Hwy.RA). Fourth stopping point will be where Woods Rd. intersects with Hwy. E at 7:27 a.m. Fifth stopping point will be where Silex Elevator intersects Hwy. E at Silex Elevator at 7:30 a.m.

**Bus #10 -Mr. Sean O'Brien, Sr. route:** The first pick up point will be where Hwy.D and Hwy.TT intersect at 6:45 a.m. Second stopping point will be where Hwy. D and Norton Rd. intersect at 6:50 a.m. Third stopping point will be where Hwy.O and Fairview Church Rd. intersect at 6:53 a.m. Fourth stopping point will be where Hwy.O and Beck Rd. intersect at 6:58 a.m. Fifth stopping point will be where Hwy.O and Flamm Rd. intersect at 7:03 a.m. Sixth stopping point will be where Hwy. E and Old Reddish School Rd. intersect at 7:18 a.m. Seventh stopping point will be where Hwy. E and Norton Rd. intersect at 7:23 a.m. Eighth stopping point will be where St.Alphonsus School/Pre-school is located at 7:33 a.m., then back to Silex School.

**Bus #8 -Mr. Ron Counterman's route:** The first pick up point will be where Cuivre Ford Rd. intersects Hwy. 61 at 7:15 a.m. Second stopping point will be where Old Auburn Rd. intersects Hwy. E at 7:25 a.m. Third stopping point will be Old Hwy E. at 7:30 a.m. and the next stops will be between Old Hwy. E and Silex on Hwy. E.