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Geneva Platt R. Spencer Elementary 755 Austin Rd. (440) 466-4831, Ext. 3001 Dear Geneva Area City Schools Parents and Students:

If school is CLOSED for the day, an automated call will be made to the parents in our district and information will be broadcast over the local television and radio stations.

The Superintendent, in conjunction with other school officials, will strive to make a decision by 6:00 am to close school (for the entire day).

Two-Hour Delay Procedures

Two-Hour Delayed Start Times:

*GHS - Instructional Day begins at 9:25 am
*GMS - Instructional Day begins at 9:30 am

Austinburg /Cork /GPS - Instructional Day begins at 10:45 am

(Students are permitted in the elementary buildings beginning at 10:30 am as buses and drop-offs arrive.

PLEASE <u>do not</u> drop students off early on a 2-hour delay. Supervision will NOT be available as teachers / staff will be arriving later.

- 1. IMPORTANT: AM Kindergarten and AM Preschool Classes will be cancelled if there is a two hour delay.
- 2. NOTE: Should the weather continue to deteriorate on a delayed start day, a decision to close schools will be made no later than 7:30 a.m. and communicated through our automated calling system and to the media. REMEMBER: The decision to CLOSE or delay school is being made while considering the safety of all of our students in our entire enrollment area. Some areas within our district may differ in the severity of the weather conditions on a particular day. As the Parent / Guardian, you have the ability to make your own decision (to send or not send your child) based on conditions in your area.
- 3. During a delayed-start situation, morning bus transportation will be delayed two hours from normal pick-up times.

Note: <u>This will apply to all students including vocational, non-public, and special education students.</u>

During a delayed start situation, NO breakfast will be served to students. The lunch
programs will run as usual with some possible changes in the serving times and/or
menus.

School dismissal will remain at the normal time when school is delayed,

Warm and safe wishes! G-UC-KjZ, superintendent

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I wanted to share some information in regards to closings and delays for the Geneva Area City School District. I take the responsibility of making a decision to close or delay very seriously and I always keep the safety of our students, parents, teachers and staff as my first thought and concern. Living in Northeast Ohio, we rarely have the perfect conditions for everyone. There will be days that certain areas and roads may present some difficult travel. Please understand that I try to make the best decision for the entire district.

Here's some information and a few important reminders...

- 1. Prior to closing or delaying school, I am in contact with other area school superintendents, checking weather forecasts and radar, talking on the phone to district personnel out on the roads (in different areas of the district) and contacting other transportation departments. I usually drive some of the roads in our district depending on the location of the storm. On most days, I will try and make a decision by 5:30 am sometimes, it may be a little later depending on the information I am receiving. Please be patient and check multiple sources for updated closing and delay information.
- As the parent, you have the ability to make your own decision (to send or not send your child) based on the conditions or temperature in your area. Please remember, attendance is still important and our policies remain in effect so please use your best discretion.
- 3. The district will ALWAYS make an automated call, post the closing or delay on the homepage of our website and provide a closing and or delay message to local television / radio stations.
- 4. We have noticed that sometimes in the inclement weather, the automated system will have difficulty connecting to cell phones. If you have the robo-call coming to a cell phone number please check other sources.
- 5. If there is a 2-hour delay, please follow the procedures listed on the 2-hour delay letter posted on the website.

Thank you for your patience during these difficult Northeast Ohio winters. I realize we will have school on some days that may present some weather challenges... please be safe, drive carefully and take your time – that is most important!

All the best for a safe winter season!

G. W. Kja, Superintendent