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Decatur City Schools Parents/Guardians,

Decatur City Schools will have a remote learning day tomorrow, Friday, January 12, 2024. You will receive additional messages from your student's school containing information regarding tomorrow's instructional activities.

The reasoning behind this decision: After many direct conversations with the National Weather Service in Huntsville, it appears that we will have high winds, ranging from 25-35 mph sustained in the morning. This weather event may begin as early as sunrise. Anticipated wind gusts throughout the day are projected to be 45 mph or greater. Winds of this magnitude substantially impact our school operations, especially our buses.

Please be mindful that 1/3 of our student population are transported by buses. Additionally, throughout the day we have several student groups that are transported from one location to another via bus. We also have students that drive from one location to another during the day.

The safety of our students and staff is not something we take lightly. Given the facts that have been presented to us through the National Weather Service, we feel it is best to operate remotely as a school system tomorrow. We wanted to inform you now so you can plan and prepare for the remote learning day tomorrow, Friday, January 12.

Additionally, as you may be aware, we are also monitoring weather conditions and predictions for next week. Decisions regarding school operations next week will be announced after we receive guidance on Monday, January 15, 2024, as to what to expect with the winter weather mischief that is in the long-range forecast.

Again, Decatur City Schools will have a remote learning day tomorrow, January 12, 2024. Additional information will be forthcoming from your child's school.

Sincerely,

Dwight Satterfield
Deputy Superintendent