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Dear Unit 9 Parents and Caregivers:

This letter is to inform you of all of the information you need to know for weather related school closures. Unit 9 understands that our decision to open or close schools in bad weather has a big effect on our families. It is always a difficult decision, and our top priority is the safety of our students.

We have an e-learning plan in place to utilize in instances of bad weather. An emergency day (snow day) will be taken if we are unable to get computers/ipad, and/or paper copies in the hands of students for that day. An emergency day will have to be made up at the end of the year, but an e-learning day is classified as a student attendance day. We will try to communicate early enough with families to make sure you know what type of day we will be using. At this time, we have utilized all five e-learning days available. Any days taken moving forward will be emergency days and made up at the end of the year. Those dates are scheduled on the calendar for May 27th through June 3rd in the event we have any further "No School" emergency days.

Please understand that we make the decision to open or close the schools in bad weather based on a careful consideration of all factors, such as:

- Temperature and wind chill
- Information on road conditions
- Amount of snow and ice accumulated
- Weather predictions
- Building and parking lot conditions
- Communication with other school districts in the area

During periods of heavy snow or freezing temperatures, please listen to the local radio stations, and visit our District Facebook page and website as we post updated information through these sources. An "All Call" telephone call/text or email will also take place with information concerning school closings. **If you have not received one of these messages, please check with your specific building to update your contact information.**

If weather conditions worsen during the day, we cannot reverse our decision in the morning without endangering students. Once we make the decision to open the schools, many parents rely on this information to plan for the day as they leave for work. If we then send students right back home, many will return to unsupervised bus stops and empty houses.

With weather being unpredictable, it is sometimes necessary to cancel school early. We will make every effort to keep students in school for the remainder of the day, but with safety being our top priority, conditions may dictate the need to have an early dismissal. We will give adequate notice to all parents. Please make sure your contact information is always current. You can contact your individual building if you have questions or need further information. Thank you for your continued support as we make these difficult decisions.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Andriano
Superintendent