

November 2023

Dear Silex R-I Parents,

Winter is just around the corner, and inclement weather is always a possibility. 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. 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. School District personnel will drive 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** – 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 9:50 am on that day, but students may be dropped off at school starting at 7:30 am. The school day will end at the regular time of 3:35 pm.

**Snow Routes** – If necessary and weather permits, the school district may use Snow Routes. We will run buses only on blacktop 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.

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. Nick Heggemann

Superintendent of Schools

## 2023-2024 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, they can be picked up at the snow route listed for the student's bus route.

### Bus #1 Mr. Marx's route

Pick up points will be where county roads intersect Hwy. H. Tagg road at Hwy. H pick up time 6:40 AM. Hwy. BB and Ridgemount drive intersection will be the stopping point until 6:55 AM. And resume route North on Hwy. H. Pick up point for New Town will be Hwy. E and Hickory at 7:20 AM.

### Bus #2 Mr. Alfred Gibson's route

The first pick up point will be at Hwy. Z and Perks Road intersection at 6:40 AM. Heading West on Hwy. Z picking up students at county roads and stops on Hwy. Z. to Kelch Road for the second stopping point at 7:00 AM. Head East to Hwy. UU picking students up at stops along the way to school.

### Bus #3 Ms. Tammy Boedeker's route

The first pick up point will be at the Olney Baptist Church at 6:40 - 6:50 AM. Heading back East to St. Alphonsus Road to Hwy. PP at 7:02 AM. Then heading West to pick up point at Hwy. PP and Ratermann Road intersection at 7:08 AM to 7:13 AM. East to school with stops on PP and little H.

### Bus #6 Mrs. Kirsty Gamble's route

First pick up point will be at JR Diamonds at 7:00 AM. Second stopping point will be at Hwy. E and Millcreek Church Road intersection at 7:10 AM. Third stopping point will be at Hwy. E and Hwy. RA intersection at 7:15 AM. Fourth pick up point at Hwy. E and Woods Road at 7:17 AM. Fifth pick up point at Hwy. E and East end of Silex Elevator Road at 7:20 AM.

### Bus #8 Mr. Sean O'Brien's route

First stopping point will be where Hwy. D and Norton Road intersect at 6:50 AM. Second stopping point will be at Hwy. O and Flamm Road intersection at 6:58 AM. Third stopping point at Hwy. O and Beck road intersection at 7:05 AM. Fourth stopping point will be at Hwy. E and Old Reddish School Road at 7:10 AM. Fifth stopping point will be at Hwy. E and St. Alphonsus Road intersection at 7:18 AM. Final stop at Hwy. E and Bauer Road at 7:23 AM. On to school.

### Bus #7 Mr. Harry Stone's route

First pick up point will be where Cuivre Ford Road and Hwy. 61 intersect at 7:05 AM. Second stopping point at Old Auburn Road and Hwy. E intersection at 7:15 AM. Stops on Hwy. E heading West. Will be at Old Hwy E at 7:20 AM. Stops on Hwy. E heading to school.