



ILLINI CENTRAL C.U.S.D #189

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As we are all well aware, winter weather can impact school attendance. With over 260 square miles, we have road conditions that vary greatly from one side of the district to the other. The decision to cancel classes due to weather is one of the most difficult decisions that we make at Illini Central. This decision is based on whether or not the road conditions and/or temperatures allow for safe travel to and from school. There are times that these conditions can improve if only more time was allowed for road crews to salt and plow roads or for the temperature to rise a few degrees. A delayed start will provide the time needed for safe conditions to exist.

During the 2023-2024 school year, Illini Central will utilize a delayed start protocol with the goal of minimizing disruptions to our students and families. Please review the following details and develop a plan that allows you, your student, and your family to be prepared for the possibility of a delayed start.

- A notification call will be sent as soon as the decision to employ the delayed start.
- Local media outlets will be contacted.
- Social media platforms will be utilized to communicate the plan.
- **1 1/2 hour delayed start (9:30)**
- **Bus pick up 1 1/2 hours after regularly scheduled pick up time.**
- **No morning Pre-K; afternoon Pre-K will be in session**
- **No LTEC transportation in the morning. Special Education routes will run on the delayed schedule**
- No breakfast-a snack will be made available
- After school activities will operate normally unless announced otherwise
- High school and Middle school classes will run on an adjusted schedule..
- Grade school students will report to classes and run a regular schedule as normal.

It is our goal to ensure that students can be at school and actively learning. In the past, there have been instances where the cancellation of school could have been prevented through the use of a delayed start. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Ward at 217-482-5180.

Sincerely,

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