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Dear Parents,

I know this time of year many questions will come up about school closures, delays, and snow routes. I want to inform you of our process and protocols.

The transportation department and I are in contact with the County Road Department and Oregon Department of Transportation daily during severe weather conditions. This clear line of communication helps us make the decision to move to snow routes, delay start, or close school.

Snow routes are used when some of our outlying areas cannot safely be passed with bus transportation. When a change to snow routes is determined you will receive an automated call (Robo call) from the superintendent. If snow routes are started in the morning we will run the snow routes in the afternoon. Snow routes determination are made day by day. You will receive another automated call if there is an additional day of snow routes.

The delayed start will happen when conditions are expected to be resolved in a short time period. Ice and slush conditions are examples that could result in a delayed start. We are typically informed of these conditions in the morning and are making quick decisions about the change to a delayed start. With some uncertainty on conditions improving, the entire day may get canceled. When a delayed start is determined you will receive an automated call from the superintendent. Our social media and websites will be used for reference of closure and delays. During delayed start the staff is working on making it to school but are taking precautions to get to work in a safe manner.

Closing school will happen when conditions have reached a point that snow removal or an emergency cannot be resolved in a timeframe that will allow us to safely transport students to and from school. You will receive an automated call from the superintendent informing parents the schools will be closed. It is possible that emergency situations can affect only one school. When one school is closed you will receive an automated call from the building principal. The schools will also use social media and websites to communicate information. It is important to know our staffing in the buildings drops dramatically when schools are closed. Onsite will be administrators, secretaries and custodians. District office services will be closed.

Additionally, all of the extra-curricular activities, ie: sports, will be canceled if school is closed. This includes games, practices, or onsite activities. With a school closure our custodians are preparing the building for a re-opening the next day.

Thank you for all your support,

Bret Uptmor, Superintendent GSD#3

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