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PROCEDURES FOR DELAY/EARLY DISMISSAL/CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL

As the winter weather has settled in early this year, I thought a reminder to our school community about our procedures for delaying, dismissing early, or canceling school would be beneficial.

Any decision that impacts the safety or well-being of our students is not taken lightly. When bad weather is forecasted, we start having conversations with County Highway Department around 4:30 a.m. and start driving roads to check travel conditions shortly thereafter. We confer with our neighboring districts and try to "stick together" when possible because we share programs, students, and calendars. However, we sometimes deviate to make the best decision for our corporations.

Depending on the day, the type of weather issue we are facing, and the time of year, we consult the following resources:

- Weather Forecasts (multiple)
- Fountain County Highway Department
- Law Enforcement
- Area Superintendents
- Area Transportation Directors
- INDOT

Should school be delayed or canceled, our goal is to make that decision by 6:00 a.m. so our community is notified by 6:15 through a School Messenger phone call. We try not to delay in the morning then cancel, however, sometimes making an accurate prediction is difficult and it is necessary. On Wednesdays, we have a built-in 50 minute delay. If we have a 2 hour delay on a Wednesday, plan for a bus pick up time that is 2 hours later than the normal Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday pick-up time. SEFE will start classes at 10:00 and FCHS will begin at 9:50.

In the event we have an early dismissal, a decision will ideally be made by noon and a School Messenger call will go out by 12:30.

Thank you for your support, cooperation, and understanding. I hope everyone has a safe winter!

Sincerely,



Doug Allison, Supt.