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Dear WSD3 Families,

Winter is around the corner and with it comes the possibility of having a two-hour delay or school closure due to inclement weather. Here are some frequently asked questions and answers regarding how inclement weather days will be handled for the 2021-2022 school year:

**1. What types of inclement weather decisions are there this school year?**

- a. **Full closure** (snow day) - all WSD3 schools and offices will be closed.  
There is no expectation of virtual working or learning.
- b. **Virtual learning day** - (see question #2 below)
- c. **Two-hour delay** - school will start in-person exactly two hours later than normally scheduled. Schools will release at normal times in the afternoon.  
There will be no a.m. preschool and buses will pick up exactly two hours later than normal. Breakfast is not served on two-hour delay days.

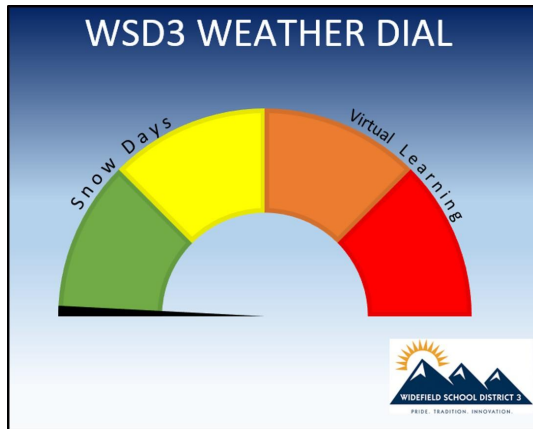
**2. What are the expectations of virtual learning days?**

- a. During virtual learning days, all WSD3 students and staff will be required to login on their device and work/learn virtually. More information will come from your school at a later date.

**3. How many full closure (snow days) days do we have?**

- a. We have five inclement weather days before the number of instructional hours required by the Colorado Department of Education are in jeopardy.

- b. Two-hour delays contribute toward a full closure day. For example, three two-hour delays are the equivalent to one full closure day.
- c. We will use full closure days before we implement virtual learning.
- d. There will be a Weather Dial on our website to show where we are in closures before we move to virtual learning days. The District will also send updates to staff and families as we get closer to virtual learning days.



#### **4. How do we determine inclement weather days?**

- a. Safety is our primary focus, and we do our best to make appropriate decisions about weather and travel conditions.
- b. There are several factors we take into consideration including road conditions, the amount of snow and ice, the weather forecast, temperatures, and wind chill.
- c. We try to make these decisions as early as possible with real-time information so your family can plan ahead.

#### **5. How will inclement weather announcements be made?**

- a. All WSD3 families and staff receive notification of the decision to close or delay school via email, text, and app push notification on Remind.
- b. You can also check for delays/closures on the [WSD3 website](#).
- c. We also communicate the decision on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter feeds.

- d. Local TV stations (KRDO, KXRM, KOAA, and KKTU) will also report these decisions on their newscasts.

**6. May I choose to keep my child home if the decision is made to hold in-person learning?**

- a. You as the parent or guardian make the final decision concerning the safety of your child. Students are not penalized by parental decisions, and students who are absent on questionable days are afforded the same opportunities to make up schoolwork as if they had been ill on a school day.
- b. Please remember to follow proper absence reporting procedures by calling your child's school. Besides keeping your children safe, our goal is to educate learners, and we truly believe students are best served in the classroom.

Thank you for your partnership and support.

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Superintendent