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TO: PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS OF PANAMA-BUENA VISTA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS

FROM: JENNIFER IRVIN, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

RE: FOGGY DAY SCHEDULES

Foggy weather is upon us. District procedure calls for our schools to be open at the normal time, although bus transportation may be delayed for two (2) hours. I want to stress that parents are not encouraged to send or transport their children to school when they feel conditions are unsafe. The District fog condition policy is summarized below for your review.

1. When fog delays are called, a ParentSquare message will be sent and school bus schedules will run two (2) hours later than the regular time. Schools will be open at the regular time to receive students who walk or are transported by their parents. Again, I urge parents to consider the conditions before sending or bringing their child to school.
2. Decisions to call fog delays or school closures must be made by 5:45 a.m. each morning. On occasion, fog will form after the buses have begun their morning routes. When this happens, or if at any time in your judgment you feel it is unsafe or dangerous for your child to board the bus or to walk to school, we encourage you to keep your child at home. As has been the practice in the past, we ask you to tune in to local radio and/or television stations for information regarding fog delays and school closures. You may also view up-to-date school delay and closure information through "Alertline" or alertline.kern.org To avoid tying up telephone lines unnecessarily, please **do not** call the Highway Patrol or school office.
3. Bus Transportation Cancellation - When a two (2) hour bus transportation delay has been called and conditions remain so severe that it is deemed unsafe to implement the delayed schedule, all bus transportation will be canceled. Parents will be notified of the cancellation by ParentSquare by at least one-half hour before the delayed bus pick up time. Therefore, it is important to stay tuned to your radio or television station, and check the website often for the latest information. If the District cancels bus transportation for the day, school officials will release attending students at the normal time. Parents should discuss this situation with their children and arrange for transportation as no buses will run in the afternoon.

I ask for your cooperation and support of this policy. It is very difficult to predict and make provisions for the foggy weather that occurs in the San Joaquin Valley. Our interest is to provide a safe situation for all students and to minimize disruption to the educational process. In cases of transportation delays, teachers are prepared to provide enrichment, remedial and individual types of activities that will benefit those students present.