

## **School Closings and Cancellations**

During severe weather events, evaluation for school closure begins the evening prior and continues at about 4:00 a.m. with conversations between Colorado Department of Transportation, Garfield County Road and Bridge, the Director of Transportation, the Director of Communication, the Superintendent and an evaluation of current and future weather information.

In the event of a school closure or to observe a delayed start, the following resources will be used to let families know about the closure:

An autodialer message will be sent to families as soon as possible. The practice is to make the call using the autodialer system by about 5:30 a.m.

Second, radio and television stations will be contacted including KMTS (FM station on 99.1 and 99.5 on the FM dial) and The River (95.5 FM).

Television stations in both Grand Junction and Denver markets will be contacted to place the information in their school closure information including KKCO, KJCT, KREX in Grand Junction and 9News, 7News and CBS 4 in Denver.

The Garfield Re-2 website ([www.garfielldre2.org](http://www.garfielldre2.org)), Facebook and Twitter feeds will be updated with this information.

Parent, family, staff and media communications will begin as soon as a decision has been made regarding delayed start or school cancellation with every attempt to get information out before 5:30 a.m.

Other emergencies which threaten the safety, health or welfare of students or staff members that will result in distance learning will be communicated to families as quickly as possible using the same communication channels listed above including: autodialer/autoemail, newspapers and radio stations. All schools will pivot to online instruction immediately to allow students to access lessons provided by and supported by their regular teachers and allow students to continue their learning despite an inability to access school facilities.

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