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TO: Hastings UFSD Families and Staff
RE: **Inclement Weather Notifications – 2023-24 School Year**

As we head into the new school year, I want to share our process for communicating changes to the daily school schedule caused by inclement weather. Adverse weather conditions are more than just an ice and snow concern; we must have a protocol to address these events quickly and effectively.

Decisions for school delays, early dismissals, or cancellations are announced promptly. We track weather patterns to anticipate days when inclement weather may be a problem. Nearly always, final decisions are made early in the morning of the specific school day (when the situation is best understood).

The timeframe for decisions to delay or cancel school is as follows:

- 4:00 a.m. - 5:15 a.m. – Road and campus conditions are checked from various sources. I consult with the Director of Facilities, the Hastings Police Department, the Hastings Department of Public Works, a regional Meteorologist and Quad Village superintendents.
- By 5:15 a.m. – I decide on a school delay or cancellation. Communications to staff and families commence immediately. Staff and transportation providers are notified by 5:30 a.m.; Parents/families are notified by 6:00 a.m.
- Under extraordinary circumstances (i.e., rapidly changing weather), a decision to delay or cancel school may be made later than 5:15 a.m., resulting in a slight lag in our notifications.

We communicate decisions in multiple ways:

- Hastings UFSD Website: <https://www.hohschools.org/>
- Email sent through BlackBoard mass communication software
- Phone calls through BlackBoard mass communication software
- Text messages sent through BlackBoard mass communication software
- Posting on Hastings UFSD Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/hohschools/>
- Local Media Outlets: News 12, LoHud

Please Note: We will only communicate when the school schedule has changed. We will not communicate when school is in session as scheduled.