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Press Release

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DCSD CLOSED - Tuesday, January 16, 2024

The Douglas County School District will be CLOSED on Tuesday, January 16 due to inclement weather conditions including forecasted low temperatures during the first half of the day (with wind chills as low as 20 below zero at daybreak). There are a few reasons behind this decision:

- The deep freeze over the weekend has impacted our transportation fleet. We currently have two diesel pumps down and starting buses in the morning will be an issue.
- The windchill is expected to be well below zero tomorrow morning. In that environment, frostbite is a very real risk for any exposed skin, so we cannot have kids waiting at bus stops and walking to school, nor can we have staff outside manning car lines.
- We are proactively working to ensure our buildings will be warm and comfortable for our students and staff.

While a delayed start would help somewhat with the windchill (should be better at 9 or 10 am), it likely will not help our transportation challenges as the buses still have to be on the road as early as 7 am (and kids have to be at bus stops as early as 8 am).

It is expected to warm up mid-day (30 degrees by afternoon), so after school activities will go on as scheduled (unless families hear differently from the coach or activity sponsor). The Continental League Music Festival, scheduled for tomorrow, will carry on as planned.

During the school day, all DCSD buildings will be closed:

- Preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school classes are cancelled
- BASE programs are closed
- Classes at the **Bridge Program, D.C. Oakes, Eagle Academy, eDCSD and Plum Creek Academy** are cancelled
- Classes at the DCSD Legacy Campus are cancelled

Any after school facility rentals for tomorrow will continue as scheduled. If your child attends a **DCSD charter school**, we encourage you to check in with your school about their status. Our snow team is continuing to monitor the storm. We will provide any updates on our website, social media, and our mobile app.

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Douglas County School District is Colorado's third largest school district and serves 63,000 students. Learn more at www.dcsdk12.org.