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Dear Pittsburgh Public Schools Families:

As we are now in the winter season, we would like to remind you of the District's inclement weather procedures and communication protocols. The safety and well-being of our students, staff, and families are of paramount importance to us, and we want to ensure everyone is well-prepared for potential weather-related challenges. General information regarding inclement weather is available at: https://www.pghschools.org/inclementweather.

Our commitment to timely and effective communication is unwavering, and we utilize multiple channels to keep everyone informed, including:

- 1. Robocalls: Our automated calling system will provide important information directly to your phone. Robocalls are delivered to over 47,000 unique phone numbers, so message receipt times may vary.
- 2. TalkingPoints Text Messaging: We will utilize TalkingPoints to ensure consistent messaging.
- 3. District Website: Visit our District website for the latest information and updates on inclement weather.
- 4. Social Media: Follow our official social media accounts for real-time updates and announcements.
- 5. News Outlets: We will also coordinate with local news outlets to broadcast school closure or delay information.

Traditionally, the inclement weather determination process begins as early as 3:30 a.m. We understand that weather patterns can change rapidly, and road conditions may shift unpredictably. Transportation challenges may arise during inclement weather, which can pose difficulties for students and staff alike. We kindly request your patience and understanding as we navigate these evolving situations.

In the event of changing weather conditions, your safety is our primary concern. If you believe it is unsafe to travel to work or school, please prioritize safety, use your best judgment, and take the necessary precautions for you and your family.

To date, we have used two (2) snow days. In the event of another inclement weather closure, schools will participate in synchronous remote learning and instruction.

If you are not currently receiving robocalls or text messages, we urge you to call the school's main office or the Parent Hotline at (412) 529-HELP (4357) to update your contact information. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during inclement weather events. Together, we can ensure the safety and well-being of our school community, allowing us to remain Students First Always, In All Ways. Stay safe and warm this winter season!

Yours in education.

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