



## **SOUTH RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Dear South River Families,

I want to take a moment to share how South River Public Schools prepares for snow events and to reassure you that we have a comprehensive plan in place to keep our campus safe and operational whenever possible.

Our district has an established Snow Removal Plan that is activated in advance of a predicted storm. This plan brings together our Building and Grounds team, custodial contracted personnel, a third-party snow removal contractor, and support from the South River Department of Public Works when available. Together, this team is responsible for clearing parking lots, walkways, entrances, and critical areas across our campus.

Throughout the storm, snow accumulation is closely monitored, and once conditions warrant, plowing, shoveling, salting, and snow relocation operations begin and continue for the duration of the event.

Please know that decisions regarding school closures or delayed openings are never made lightly and always center on student and staff safety. When determining whether schools can safely open, we carefully consider three primary factors:

- The overall condition of our campus
- The safety and accessibility of sidewalks and roads for walkers and buses
- Staffing levels and anticipated absences

Parents and community members should regularly check the South River Public Schools website and Facebook page for the most up to date information regarding weather related schedule changes, closures, or delays. As always we will also send text, phone and email messages to communicate any potential delays or closures. Please be sure your contact information is up to date in the Parent Portal to ensure you receive all notifications.

Please note that for safety reasons, our campus and all school parking lots will be closed to all pedestrians and vehicles during the storm and throughout snow removal operations. Access will remain restricted until schools officially reopen.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated facilities, custodial, and support staff who work tirelessly (often overnight and in challenging conditions) to ensure our schools are safe and ready. Their commitment and professionalism do not go unnoticed, and we are deeply appreciative of their efforts on behalf of our students, staff, and community.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding during winter weather events. We appreciate your partnership as we work to keep our schools safe. Please stay safe and warm this weekend!

Sincerely,



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***Together WE Achieve!***