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SANDERS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #18

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Sanders Unified School District #18 Parents and Guardians:

At Sanders Unified School District, the safety and well-being of our students and staff are always our top priorities. While we always aim to keep our school buildings open for regular, in-person learning, there are times when severe weather conditions, utility outages, or other issues beyond our control force us to close our physical campuses.

To ensure that our students do not lose valuable learning momentum during these unexpected closures, the District will implement our Instructional Time Model (ITM), approved by the governing board and approval was sent to the Arizona Department of Education.

What is an Instructional Time Model?

An Instructional Time Model allows our district to safely shift from regular in-person classes to alternative instructional methods—such as remote, online, or independent at-home learning packages—when a physical emergency or severe weather closure occurs. By using this model, we can provide continuous education, meet state instructional requirements, and avoid adding make-up days to the end of the school year calendar.

How it Works During a Closure

If we must close school buildings due to weather or an emergency, the following procedures will take effect:

- Immediate Notification: Parents will be notified of a school closure as early as possible via our official Blackboard platform: text alert, and phone messaging.
- Transition to Remote Learning: Teachers will provide students with assignments, digital coursework, or take-home learning packets. Your child's specific school and teachers will share detailed instructions on how to access these materials.
- Attendance & Participation: Students must complete the assigned remote learning activities to be marked present for the day.
- Offline Packet Options: Students will also be provided with packets. Each packet will be labeled with dates (days of the week). If the remote learning lasts two or more days, the packets will be completed for the number of days remote learning is in place. Upon return to school, students' attendance will be documented according to the date(s) and number of assignments completed.

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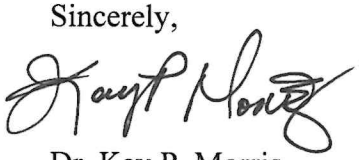
Preparing for a Seamless Transition

We ask that families take a few moments to help us prepare for the possibility of an unscheduled closure:

- Update Contact Info: Please ensure your current phone number and email address are up to date with your child's school front office so you receive all urgent alerts.
- Check Connectivity: Talk with your child's teacher if your family faces challenges with home internet access or technology devices. We are committed to making sure every student has an equitable way to participate, including offline packet options.

Thank you for your flexibility, partnership, and continued support as we work together to keep our community safe and our students learning, no matter the circumstances.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools