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Winter Weather Closure & Delay Information

As winter sets in, adverse weather conditions may require adjustments to the school schedule, including delays, closures, or early releases. The safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. Key factors considered in our decisions include road safety, subfreezing temperatures, and local weather conditions such as snow, ice, or freezing fog.

How We Decide

- **Collaboration:** District Transportation officials work closely with City and Adams County road crews.
- **Forecasts:** We monitor National Weather Service updates to anticipate changing conditions.
- **Safety:** We evaluate how weather impacts student travel and community roads.

How to Stay Informed

You can find updates through these channels:

- **Official School Facebook Pages:** Lind Elementary School, Ritzville Grade School, Lind-Ritzville Middle School, Lind-Ritzville High School, and Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools.
- **Automated Alerts:** ParentSquare Alert notifications sent to parent contact numbers.
- **Local Media:** Tune in to local TV and radio stations.

We aim to announce delays or closures by 6:00 AM. The district may change a 2-hour delay to a cancellation if weather conditions worsen. If changed, we will notify families about closures by 8:00 AM.

Note: *If you do not receive a message or see announcements, schools are open and operating on schedule.*

Please see the other side for additional information.

Specific Information on Delays & Closures

2-Hour Delay:

- **Buses:** Buses operate on a 2-hour delay. *Example:* If a bus normally picks up students at 7:25 AM, it will pick up at 9:25 AM on a delay schedule.
- **Building Openings:** School buildings open at 10:10 AM, and classes start at 10:20 AM.
- **Breakfast:** No breakfast will be served.
- **Preschool & TK:**
    - **Lind Elementary School:** The 3-year-old Preschool class is canceled. The 4-year-old Preschool and Traditional Kindergarten will run on a 2-hour delay and follow regular dismissal times.
    - **Ritzville Grade School:** Preschool classes are canceled. Transitional Kindergarten will run on a 2-hour delay and follow regular dismissal times.

Academic Intervention Friday:

- If a delay occurs on an Academic Intervention Friday**,** all sessions at LES, RGS, LRMS, and LRHS will be canceled.

Athletics and Activities: When schools close for hazardous conditions, all out-of-district transportation, field trips, practices, and events are canceled unless announced otherwise.

Early Releases: While rare, an early release may occur due to worsening conditions. Notifications will be sent via ParentSquare Alert, and school personnel will attempt to notify parents by phone.

Important Reminders

- **Make-Up Days**: While delayed starts do not require make-up time, canceled days will be made up. If needed, Snow Make-Up Days are scheduled for 4/30/27 and 5/14/27.

- **ParentSquare Alerts:** Look for "Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools" or 509-659-1660 on your caller ID. Please avoid calling back to ensure lines remain open for emergencies.
- **Keep Contacts Updated:** Ensure your phone numbers and contact preferences are current with your school office.

We hope this information helps everyone understand the process we use to make the best possible decisions for our community. Let’s work together to ensure safe travels and a productive winter season!