



# WINTER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER



## *Be Prepared for Schedule Changes!*

From time to time during the coming months, the weather may force a change in the normal school routine. The following questions and answers should help to clarify how decisions regarding school closure and delay are made and communicated in the Colfax School District.

### ***How are decisions made?***

It is the District's intent to adhere to the established school calendar whenever possible. We recognize that canceling or delaying school because of adverse weather conditions causes a good deal of inconvenience for parents. History also tells us that student attendance on make-up days is generally worse than on regularly scheduled school days, no matter how poor the conditions may be.

These factors are considered in relation to the risk-level involved in transporting students when weather conditions are questionable. A delayed start to the school day will often provide time for weather to improve and roads to be plowed. In the light of day, our drivers will also be working in safer driving conditions.

**If the weather becomes particularly difficult, it is possible, in some instances, that we will not be running buses, running buses on main roads only or running buses on emergency routes only.** If this scenario were to emerge, the parents of students who normally ride the bus will be responsible for making the decision to bring their children to school or keep them home for the day. If parents decide to keep their children home for the day, the absence would be recorded as "excused--school related".

### ***How is information gathered to make decisions on bad weather days?***

Early in the morning, designated school personnel communicate with one another and individuals in key locations to determine the status of roads and existing weather patterns. Information secured from these individuals is then used to make decisions regarding the feasibility of safely transporting students to and from school.

### ***Where can one get information concerning school delay or closure?***

Whenever possible, decisions regarding school closure or delay are made by 6:00 a.m. At that time, a phone message will be sent out via School Messenger, the school's messaging system. You can also check our website for updated information, as well as tuning in to one of the following stations between 6:00 and 7:30 each morning:

<b>Television:</b>	KREM TV CH 2	KXLY TV CH 4	KHQ TV CH 6
<b>AM Radio:</b>	KCLX 1450	KRPL 1400	KQQQ 1150
<b>FM Radio:</b>	KZFN 106	KZZL 99.5	KHTR 104.3

If weather deteriorates during the course of the school day and school needs to be dismissed early, parents can expect to receive a phone call, as well as email. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL HAS A CURRENT PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS FOR YOU.** The information will also be communicated to the above listed radio stations.

### ***What can parents do to be prepared for school closure or delay?***

Make sure your child's school has the most up-to-date contact information for you. Have an emergency snow day plan in place that can be put into action on short notice. Make arrangements for a friend, neighbor, or family member to take care of young children if you are expected to be at work on a day when school has been canceled or delayed.

# Emergency Routes Defined

No buses will run on roads or highways that have been closed by city, county or state road departments. In addition, no buses will run on the west hill in Colfax, which includes Deanway, Cromwell, Moller Road and Cherry Street.

- Bus #7: Bus will not run on Green Hollow Road or Morley Road; all other stops remain as usual.
- Bus #8: No change.
- Bus #9: Bus will not run on gravel roads.
- Bus#12: Bus will pick up at McGregor Company and in Diamond.
- Bus #16: If highway 272 is open, bus will pick up at intersection of Clear Creek Road and highway 272. Bus will pick up in city limits as usual.
- Bus #17: Bus will not run on west hill in Colfax. For Hilty Road stops, bus will pick up at highway 272.
- Bus #18: Bus will not run on gravel roads. Pick up is in Steptoe.
- Bus #19: Bus will not run on gravel roads. If Almota Road is open, pick up is at Onecho Church.
- Bus #20: Bus stops on Penawawa Road, Sommers Road and Brink Road—bus will pick up at intersection of the road and Highway 26. Filan Road, Airport Road and Duncan Springs Road—bus will pick up at highway 26 and Airport Road intersection.
- Bus #21: If Almota Road is open, bus will pick up all stops after Onecho Church at the church.
- Special Ed: Bus will not run on west hill in Colfax.

If weather conditions do not improve during the day or conditions deteriorate, emergency routes will be in effect for afternoon drop-off as well.