



Dear Circleville City Schools Family,

Inclement weather is once again in our sights as we head into the winter months. In regards to two hour delays, school cancellations, and early releases, I wanted to take this opportunity to discuss what goes into our decision-making process.

First and foremost, it is important to us to keep you informed; therefore, we have a number of communications channels for families and community members to stay up-to-date on weather related delays and cancellations. If you are not on social media, these pages are open to the public and are available without making an account.

These are as follows:

- *Alert banners on **CirclevilleCitySchools.org***
- *Twitter.com/**CirclevilleCity**, Twitter.com/**CVCS_D_Supt**, Twitter.com/**CirclevilleElem**, Twitter.com/**CirclevilleCMS**, and Twitter.com/**CHSTigerPride***
- ***Circleville City School District** on **Facebook***
- ***Class Dojo** (Circleville Elementary School **only**)*
- ***OneCallNow** automated phone calls (contact your child's front office if you are not connected)*
- *Push notifications to your cell phone with **The Circleville City Schools App** available in the **Google Play Store** and **Apple App Store***
- *Additionally, we submit closing information to the following media/community sources: **NBC4, 10TV, WSYX6, 610 WTVN** and **WKKJ 94.3** (radio), as well as **Nixle**.*

As always, safety is our number one priority with students and staff when it comes to evaluating inclement weather and its effects on the morning or evening commute. As a part of our evaluative process, we assess factors such as: severe temperatures, wind chill, bus stop wait times for students, school bus traction and visibility, and the projected forecast leading up to, during, and directly after our students depart for the day.

We check weather on a daily basis and on days with possible inclement weather we are up early driving the roads throughout the district to gauge the feasibility of the safe transport of students.

We communicate with local law enforcement and road crews to gain further insight, as well as with districts that are also in the path of the weather that may be heading our way.

It should be noted that no inclement weather day is the same and some things are incredibly difficult to predict (our local meteorologists can attest), but aside from unpredictable circumstances, closings will typically be announced no later than 6:15 a.m.

In the event Circleville City Schools are to be CLOSED, it is important to remember the following:

- All evening activities in the elementary and middle school buildings are cancelled.
- High school evening activities may take place depending on the weather throughout the day. Information regarding such events will be redistributed by coaches or advisors and will be communicated through the channels listed previously.
- Preschool will be cancelled.
- Community groups scheduled to use school facilities (e.g., Park and Rec, Scouts, etc.) will have their events cancelled.
- The Extra Mile afterschool program will be cancelled.

In the event Circleville City Schools is on a Two Hour Delay:

- AM preschool will be cancelled.
- All projected bus route times will be pushed back approximately two hours or more as drivers exercise extra caution in picking up students in the elements.

For more information, please visit www.circlevillecityschools.org and make sure to follow the District and your child's school and the district on social media.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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