



ARCHULETA SCHOOL DISTRICT 50 JT.

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Dear Parent,

With winter weather upon us, I would like to provide you with information regarding school delays and closures.

The decision making process to delay or cancel school involves input from multiple professionals. School District Transportation Director Dolly Martin and I are in radio contact with Archuleta County Road and Bridge snowplow drivers and dispatchers in order to determine the safety of the roads throughout the county for school bus travel. Often this contact starts by 2 a.m. Some of our district bus drivers are checking on the roads before 4 a.m., and they provide further information on road conditions. We also consult local and area weather forecasting resources, and seek input from the Colorado Department of Transportation.

With the safety of our children being our main concern, we rely on the collective expertise of these transportation professionals when making travel determinations. Our district school busses drive over 975 miles daily to provide student transportation, and encounter many variances in road conditions. I believe our school busses are among the safest vehicles on the road, driven by professionals who understand student safety and student transportation. By utilizing the real-time reports from multiple road professionals, we attempt to make the best decision possible, in order to keep our students safe.

If school is closed or delayed, every family in the district will receive an automated phone message between 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

To access information regarding delays or closures:

- Listen to the following radio stations: KWUF 1400 AM or 106.3 FM; KOA 850 AM; and KSUT 105.3 FM
- Watch the Denver area morning news on KWGN-TV 2, NBC 9 News, CBS 4 News, or Fox 31 News.
- Check for updates on our school district website: www.pagosa.k12.co.us
- Call 264-0392, ext. 613 for a recorded message.

On the delayed schedule, start times will be:

- High School - 9:50 a.m.
- Junior High School - 9:55 a.m.
- Intermediate School - 10:00 a.m.
- Elementary School - 10:10 a.m.

Please do not bring your children to school until the scheduled time, as teachers will also be on the delayed schedule and will not be available to provide supervision.

Breakfast will not be served on delayed schedule days, but lunch will be served. Students will be dismissed at the normal time and after school activities will be held when the school district is on a delayed schedule, unless otherwise noted. Let's all enjoy a safe winter, and limit the sliding to the sledding hills.

Sincerely,

Mark DeVoti
Superintendent