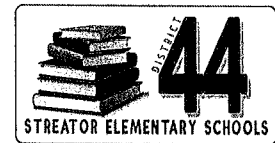


# Streator Elementary School District #44



Dr. Lisa Parker, Superintendent

Holly Creel, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

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November 23, 2021

Dear Parents:

As we enter the winter months, I wanted to communicate with you on the important issue of emergency closing of the school district. As a school district, we understand the many plans for childcare that come with snow and other inclement weather conditions. I want to take a few moments to outline our district's procedures for closings and delays and request your understanding as we begin the winter months.

In the vast majority of circumstances, the decision to close or delay is made by 6:00 a.m. and posted on the district Facebook page, as well as each family is notified by telephone through our School Messenger system. The District may choose to have a one-two-hour delay, if we believe that the weather conditions will improve during the morning. In the case of a delayed start, students will be picked up one- two hours later than normal at their regular transportation stop and will dismiss at regular time. On any day that is a delayed start, there will be no pre k classes.

Snow itself rarely closes school. We will not close school based upon a "weather forecast." Visibility, road conditions, ice build-up and the status of plowing are all important issues to consider.

Since our District has an approved remote learning plan on file with the Regional Office of Education, emergency days should not have to be utilized in the event the school buildings are closed due to inclement weather. Students and teachers have the ability to remote teach and remote learn if it is declared a day that the buildings will be closed. Further information regarding each remote learning situation will be further communicated by your building principal and classroom teacher. If the District does close their buildings for the day, there will also be no extracurricular activities that evening

We will continue to communicate with you regularly in the event of a school closure.

Please stay well and be safe in all conditions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Parker".

Dr. Lisa Parker  
Superintendent