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Dear Families and Community,

As we anticipate the arrival of winter, it's essential to address the potential challenges that inclement weather may bring to our district. Weather-related situations such as delays, cancellations, and early dismissals are possibilities we may encounter. Our commitment is to make timely decisions prioritizing the safety of our students.

The decision-making process involves careful consideration of various factors. Current weather conditions, timing of potential inclement weather, road conditions, and temperatures all contribute to our assessment. Our team begins this process early in the morning, navigating district roads, consulting with county officials, and engaging in discussions with our transportation director to ensure a comprehensive evaluation.

We understand the importance of keeping our community well-informed. Therefore, the decision to close school will be made around 5:00 a.m., communicated through various channels. Stay tuned to local television stations such as [WWMT Channel 3](#) and check our district's Facebook and Twitter accounts (@MattawanSupe or @MattawanCSD). Additionally, our School Messenger Alert system will be activated to notify the public.

In situations where conditions improve within two hours of the building start times, a two-hour delay may be implemented. This is particularly relevant for scenarios like fog, providing a safe alternative to a full-day cancellation.

Early dismissal may be considered if conditions worsen after the school day has begun. We acknowledge that this situation may pose challenges for families mid-day, and every effort will be made to avoid it.

In cases of wind chill consistently at or below minus 20 degrees, a county-wide agreement dictates the cancellation of school.

We want to emphasize that decisions are rooted in current weather conditions. If, at any point, you believe it is unsafe for your child to attend school, we fully support your decision prioritizing safety. Your understanding and cooperation are invaluable, and we appreciate the support of our community.

Kind regards,

Randy Fleenor  
Superintendent