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To: Families and Community of New Holland-Middletown ESD #88

From: Marc Campbell, Superintendent

School Closing Information 19/20 SY

There are times throughout the school year that require school officials to make the decision to cancel school. These decisions are challenging to make but certainly are done with the best interest and safety of our students and staff. While normally we think of snow as the primary cause of school closings there are many other conditions that could occur including but not limited to; icy roads, fog and low visibility, extreme cold, or a power outage at school. In the event of a school closing every effort will be made to notify the families as early as possible.

Below is a summary of the key points of information.

- A One Call will be sent notifying the community of the school closing. If you are not receiving these calls please contact the office.
- The closing will be posted to both our school Facebook page and our Twitter account.
 - Facebook Page: New Holland-Middletown ESD 88
 - Follow me on Twitter at: @NHM88_Supt
- The closing will be posted to the front page of the school website: www.nhm88.com
- The closing will be posted to ABC News Channel 20 for Springfield, Decatur, and Champaign.
 - <https://newschannel20.com/weather/closings>

Finally, the Board of Education approved the implementation of E-Learning Days in lieu of emergency days. Numerous implementation regulations exist regarding this process. The general concept is that on a day in which school is closed, students would have expectations of logging into their teachers google classroom and/or completing prearranged work. As these details are finalized, the district will notify the families and help you understand the process.

Additionally, the district will be looking into the feasibility of implementing a "Late Start" schedule on days in which conditions permit school from opening on time. Often times these conditions are predicted to change around mid-morning. A good example of this would be fog conditions in the morning. More information will be sent out regarding this program.

Lastly, our goal with school closing is to ensure the safety of our students and faculty and to communicate the decision as early as possible. Unfortunately, school closing can be an inconvenience for the community. We encourage you to work out a plan for different contingencies as soon as possible and to be ready for the upcoming winter.

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