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2008-2009 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Soon the fall/winter storm season will be upon us and we have prepared this letter to assist parents/guardians with Peninsula School District's procedures and expectations during inclement weather and school closures. Below you will find guidelines to make this process easier for you and also to help you understand how weather decisions are made.

***Making a Thoughtful Decision:***

- Weather information is reviewed the day and night prior to the decision. A review with our transportation department and neighboring districts is also done.
- Starting at 3:00 a.m. or sooner, the superintendent, deputy superintendent and transportation department drive emergency bus routes throughout the District's 120 square miles.
- The District may choose to operate on a normal schedule, have a late start, or close entirely.
- Late starts allow us:
  - time to monitor and adjust decisions to changing conditions.
  - to provide the safety of daylight for students and transportation personnel.
  - additional time for Peninsula School District staff to arrive to work.
  - time for transportation to further critique snow routes and make necessary adjustments or modifications.

***Communication:***

- SchoolMessenger® System: notifies all parents within 30 minutes by phone
- Peninsula School District Website: [www.psd401.net](http://www.psd401.net)
- Peninsula School District Emergency Information Line: 253-530-1088
- Local TV and radio stations
- KGHP (District radio station): 89.3FM, 89.9FM, 93.7FM
- Emergency bus route information is available in school offices and also on the Peninsula School District website under "Helpful Links" on left side of screen.
- You may also subscribe to School Report through Public Schools Emergency Communications Systems (PSECS) which will automatically send you an email notifying you of any delays or closures that are posted. To subscribe go to: [schoolreport.org](http://schoolreport.org)

Again, please remember the District has a large geographical size and weather conditions may vary greatly from area to area. Student and employee safety is the highest priority.

You are welcome to contact us by phone or email us with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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