Policy Title: Operation of Buses during Inclement Weather

Buses owned and operated by the school district will not operate when weather conditions due to fog, rain, snow, ice or other natural elements make such operation unsafe. Because weather conditions may vary throughout the school district and may change quickly, the best judgment will be used that is possible with the information available.

The final judgment as to when conditions are unsafe to operate will be made by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.

When a cancellation, delay, or early dismissal has been determined, the school district will notify employees, parents, and students with an announcement through commercial radio, television, school website, school social media account, email, or text.

When, in the judgment of the bus driver, weather conditions are so poor as to present a hazard when loading or unloading students, the driver will radio the superintendent's designee for instructions. If radio contact is not possible, the driver will proceed to the next stop which does not present a hazard and make telephone contact with the superintendent's designee for instructions.

Parents may be asked to transport their children on an occasion where a particular stop is unsafe to pick up/drop off or where weather conditions deteriorate during the day after school has begun.

Note: This is a mandatory policy.

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