

## **WELD RE-3J PARENT GUIDE SCHOOL CLOSURES AND STORM SCHEDULE**

When inclement weather conditions occur, either a school closure or a delayed schedule may be announced. Area television stations will be advised by 5:30 a.m. or as soon as practicable. The district automated messaging system (SchoolMessenger) will be initiated which will make a call to all phone numbers provided by parents/guardians. Information will also be available on the front page of the Weld Re-3J Website at [www.re3j.com](http://www.re3j.com) or by calling 303-536-2070 to listen to the message (in English and Spanish).

### **IN THE EVENT OF A DISTRICT CLOSURE**

- School bus service will not be available
- School will not be in session for that day for any grade level
- All district buildings will be closed
- All district events will be cancelled (this includes athletic, unless state competitions are still being held)

### **IN THE EVENT OF A DELAYED MORNING START (2-HOUR DELAY)**

- A two-hour delayed start would mean school would begin at 10:15 a.m. instead of the usual 8:15 a.m. start time.
- Morning school buses will pick up at bus stops two hours later than usual. (Example: If your morning school bus pickup time is 7:18 a.m., your bus will pick up at 9:18 a.m.)
- Afternoon school buses will depart school and drop off students at the same time as a normal day.
- Preschool and Kindergarten: Morning (AM) Preschool and Kindergarten at all three elementary schools (Lochbuie, Hudson and Hoff) will be cancelled. Afternoon (PM) Preschool and Kindergarten students will attend school and have bus service on their normal schedule.
- Walkers should plan to arrive at school no earlier than 15 minutes before the start of the school day (10:15 a.m.).

\*Please note: Parents always have the option to keep their children home if they are concerned about hazardous conditions. Students will not be penalized for their absence under these circumstances.

### **IN THE EVENT OF AN EARLY RELEASE**

- If school is in session and an unsafe condition develops, students may be released early. Area television stations as well as the district automated messaging system (SchoolMessenger) will be used to advise families of the early release.

- Buses will drop off students at their regular bus stops.
- Parents are advised to provide their children with an early release plan in the event they cannot meet their children at home.

\*Please note: During hazardous weather, parents may pick up their children from school at any time.

### **DISTRICT PROCESS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR CLOSURES OR DELAYS**

The Weld Re-3J District considers the following factors in making any weather-related decision:

- Current & Forecasted Weather Conditions
- Projected snow accumulation
- Road Conditions (both rural and in town)
- Ability to Access Buildings
- Temperature
- Visibility
- Wind-Chill

In addition, the Weld Re-3J District performs the following:

- Receives up-to-the-minute weather updates from local weather consultants.
- Consults with Weld County and Colorado Department of Transportation regarding their road sanding plans.
- Exchanges vital weather information and road conditions with neighboring school districts.
- Assigns staff members to drive on district roads beginning in the early morning hours to inspect road conditions.

**Weather predictions are challenging, even for trained professionals. Weld Re-3J administration will work diligently to make the best informed decision possible. Weld County School District Re-3J places the safety of students and staff at the center of all decisions regarding school closures or cancellations.**

