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Dear Parents:

In the event that snow or other conditions force changes in school schedules or bus routes, announcements will be made on all major TV and radio stations and Lake Stevens School District's Facebook (www.facebook.com/lakestevensschools) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/lssd) accounts by 6 a.m. Simultaneously, information will be posted on the district website at www.lkstevens.wednet.edu as well as the District App and emailed to families. You can also subscribe to receive notifications from FlashAlert, http://flashalert.net/news.html?id=4238.

No announcments mean that schools and buses are operating on normal schedules.

We also suggest that you have a battery operated radio available in the event that you are without power. Please do not call schools or the Transportation Department about closure information.

<u>Listed below are some of the possible changes from the regular schedule</u>

- 1. Schools closed
- 2. Limited Transportation

Schools open, buses run on a limited transportation schedule (see below)

- 3. No out of district transportation
- 4. Schools open two hours late

The following will occur when school start time is delayed:

- ✓ No out of district transportation
- ✓ No morning Sno-Isle Skills Center/Workforce transportation
- ✓ Alternating ELC Preschool schedule
 - First three late starts—no AM ELC Preschool (PM ELC Preschool will attend)
 - All other late starts—AM/PM ELC Preschool programs will be announced on the Public System
 - Public announcements will state which program will attend in the afternoon time slot (Check Lake Stevens School District website)

Activities: When schools are closed due to bad weather conditions, all before and after school activites are cancelled.

Road Closures: Each winter, after periods of freezing, Snohomish County often restricts bus travel on county roads. If restrictions are implemented, there will be no transportation provided by school buses. Normally, the school district will know approximately 24 hours in advance of when road closures will occur. Radio stations will be notified accordingly.

Light snowfall and/or ice may close the following roads to school bus travel

30th (Cascade Place) Rhodora Heights Alpine Mesa **Inglewood Forest** Oak Hill Cedar Road **Kensington Estates Newberg Road** Crestline/Sunrise Lake View Dr 10th Street SE (off 204th) Mission Ridge/Vineyards Double Hills-60th Street NE 52nd Street NE 36th & 38th SE (off 103rd) Brighton Park Msvl Walker Hill 87th NE dead end 79th Ave NE, 55th PL. 60th Street NE 54th Place, west of 99th NE Pellerin Road 9th Place SE (off Davies Road) **Georgetown Estates** 60th Street NE (dead end) Chapel Hill/Meridian 109th Avenue SE (off Bunk Foss Road)

Your Family Emergency Plan: Each family should have a plan in place covering what will happen should children arrive home early due to an emergency situation.

- 1. What is the best route home if your children cannot be delivered to their normal bus stop?
- 2. Where could they go if they need help?
- 3. Who would care for your children until you arrive home?
- 4. Is there someone your children could call in case of an emergency?
- 5. In the event of an emergency where children needed to be taken home early, parents would be notified with an automated phone call and announcements on the district website and social media.
- 6. Please make sure your emergency contact numbers are up-to-date at your child's school.

Please note:

There may be no door-to-door bus service when there's snow or ice, depending on your location. Please review our snow routes and bring children to the main roads if your area is not serviced.

Special education buses may not have curb to curb service on snowy and/or icy days. The majority of pick ups and drop offs will be on main roads, again, depending on your area. Please refer to the limited areas above. If you do not see your street listed and your child is on a Special Education bus, please call the Transportation Department.

Afternoon delivery points will be the same as morning pick up points. If your student rides a different bus in the afternoon, please check drop off locations.

Thank you,

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