



Sandhills Public Schools

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TO: Sandhills Parents

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SUBJECT: Weather Related Closings and Late Starts

The purpose of this letter is to offer a friendly reminder of how best to be contacted or get information related to school closings and late starts. In the event more inclement weather finds us, here are your best options:

- 1) **Connect Ed**: This is our automated message system. For school closing announcements, we send an “emergency” message which calls ALL numbers in the system. Please make certain your phone and email information is updated and current with the office. Also, there are times we experience minor issues with this system. This is beyond our control. Overall, the system works well and is a great resource.
- 2) **Weather Threat**: We submit all school closing information related to weather through a service called Weather Threat. This is then received not only online, but by various radio stations. It is best you tune in to **KRVN** or **KBBN** as you will get all area school information including ours. In addition, go to <http://krvn.com/closings/> on KRVN’s website to see the official and continuously updated school closing lists by Weather Threat.
- 3) **KOLN/KGIN**: Tune in to 10/11 (KOLN/KGIN) as we also submit school closing information here. You may also visit their website at <http://www.1011now.com/> and click on “school closings”.
- 4) **KNOP TV**: Tune in to KNOP as we submit to KNOP just like we do to 10/11 news.
- 5) **Facebook and Twitter**: All school closing information will be placed on the school’s Facebook page (Sandhills Public Schools) which automatically sends it to Twitter as well.
- 6) **Radio Stations**: KRVN and KBBN are the best options for radio to hear our school closings. We also call KNLV (Ord) and KBRB (Ainsworth). However, there are times we are unable to reach someone at those stations depending on the time and day we make the announcement.
- 7) **Bus Schedules**: Visit the school website for the bus schedules for 10 am late starts under school info. Or, contact the office and we will be glad to send you one again.
- 8) **Please HELP!** When you receive the news of a late start or no school, be sure to pass that information along. Word of mouth between neighbors and friends is a big help in making sure everyone gets the news.

Please contact the main office should you have further questions! Thank you!