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District families,

If there is one thing we can count on in Wisconsin, it is winter. While mid-October seems a little early for the white stuff, last weekend was a good reminder that winter is on its way.

We realize that any change from the normal school schedule causes family disruption and the option to close or early dismiss school is only made when weather conditions make school closure absolutely necessary. Ahead of weather that may cause us to close school and/or the District due to hazardous weather conditions, I wanted to remind you of our procedures surrounding school closure in a weather situation so that you can be prepared as we move into this winter season.

#### **How is the decision to close school made?**

The transportation manager and superintendent will jointly monitor the weather through the previous day/evening/early morning hours. By 5:30 a.m., they will determine road conditions and weather impact/outlook. Based on the safety and timing of bus travel and the status of the weather, the superintendent will make the decision to close or not to close schools/district for the day.

**Option #1 -Schools Closed:** All Stevens Point Area Public Schools are closed for the day. No after-school activities occur on days when schools are closed.

**Option #2 - Early Dismissal:** Dismissal time is determined based on weather and communicated to families as quickly as possible. If possible, the decision will be made no later than 11:30 a.m. No after-school activities occur on early dismissal days. Boys and Girls Club and Great Escape may remain at school based sites.

**Options #3 -After-School Activities and Events Cancelled:** If school is held, but inclement weather approaches, the decision to cancel after-school events will be made by 2:00 p.m. The decision to cancel after school events/contests scheduled at other non-district sites, locations, other schools, etc., will be made on a case-by-case basis in concert with the hosting school/entity.

#### **How will I be notified if school is closed?**

Once a decision to close, early dismiss or cancel after-school activities and events has been made, parents, staff and the community will be notified through the following communication channels;

1. District website - [www.PointSchools.net](http://www.PointSchools.net)
2. Phone, text and email notification (contact your school to update your contact information)
3. District and School Social Media Channels
4. Local media outlets.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email, [cgerlach@pointschools.net](mailto:cgerlach@pointschools.net) or phone, 715-345-5444.

Thank you for your support as we prepare for the possibility of emergency school closings.

Sincerely,  
Craig Gerlach  
Superintendent