## Bad weather reminder:

As we enter the cold weather season, please be reminded that any school closures will first be posted here and on the District 6 Facebook page

at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/greeleyevansschools">www.facebook.com/greeleyevansschools</a>. If you do not see a closure message in those two locations, then school is open as usual. We do not contact local and Denver media until after we post the message in those locations, as well as send a call out to all parents via School Messenger. This is your first and best source of information for any emergency closures. It is very rare in Greeley and Evans that we have to close school because our district is contained to the urban area and our buses can usually run even in bad weather. So please make sure your children are dressed for the cold and snow. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

# **School Closures and Delayed Starts**

Occasionally, winter weather in northern Colorado can cause severe enough conditions that we have to consider closing schools or delaying the start of schools. This decision could be made because of significant snowfall, dangerous road conditions, or extreme cold.

Deciding whether to close or delay the start of schools is always done with the safety of students, parents and staff in mind. District leaders will do everything they can to make a decision as early as possible to allow parents to make alternative plans.

#### **School Closure**

If schools are closed for the day because of weather, students will remain home. Generally, this also means that all other school activities, such as after-school clubs, sports, practices, etc. are also canceled for that day. The lost instructional time may need to be made up later in the year in order to meet the State of Colorado's requirements instructional time for students.

### Two-Hour Delayed Start

If schools will open on a two-hour delayed start, then students should arrive at school two hours later than their normal start times. A delayed start could be used if weather or road conditions are severe overnight but expected to improve in the morning. On a delayed-start day, school buses will run their routes two hours later than normal. Parents who drive their children to school should drop their children off two hours later than the normal time. Afterschool activities will continue as normally scheduled.

#### Notification

If schools are to be closed or put on a two-hour delayed start because of poor weather and road conditions, then that decision will be announced by these means:

- A posting on the district's main website, www.greeleyschools.org
- Postings to the district's Twitter and Facebook pages
- A recorded message on the district's main phone line: 970-348-6000
- Notification to local and metro-Denver area radio and TV stations
- Notification to *The Greeley Tribune* newspaper