



Cimarron-Ensign Unified School District #102

Preparing Students To Be Responsible, Productive Citizens

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Dear Bluejay Family,

As the weather begins to turn from chilly to cold, it is an indication the moisture will be changing from rain to snow or ice. I want to share my decision-making process for having school on time, a two-hour delay, or no school. It is a difficult decision and one I take seriously. My number one priority is to ensure the safety and well-being of every student.

I want every parent to know they have the right to keep their child at home if they believe the inclement weather will make for unsafe traveling conditions to school. Appropriate time will be given to the child missing school to complete the assignments. If your child participates in an extra-curricular event, please check with the head coach/sponsor/director about participation in the event.

What information do you use to help make the decision?

- Review weather on a Weather app
- Monday morning USD 102 administration meeting, - one item is to discuss the weather for the week
- Phone conversations with the National Weather Service in Dodge City, Kansas

Do you talk to surrounding superintendents to see what they might do?

- I am part of a text message group of area superintendents - school districts near or touching USD 102 Cimarron are in the group
- We try to make the same decision, but the weather might be different in each district
- The texting may start the evening before the weather or early in the morning - depending on when the weather is scheduled to be a problem

How can your decision affect the school day?

- Regular start time
- Two-hour delay
- No school

What does a two-delay achieve?

- Provides two more hours of information if needed
- Allows the sun to be shining so drivers can see the road better
- Allows buses and drivers ample time to make it safely to school
- It is more difficult for families and I hope to only use this when absolutely necessary

Where will parents find information about changes to the school day?

In most instances, USD 102 will try to get the word out on the following platforms:

- USD 102 Textcaster sponsored by First National Bank
- Local television stations
- Local radio stations
- Social Media accounts associated with USD 102

I hope this letter helps to answer questions you may have when the weather is approaching, including dangerous winds. If you have any additional questions please call me at 620-855-7743. If your child is in need of additional warm clothes, please contact Mr. Stewart (620-855-3343) or Mrs. Wilson (620-855-3323).

Kind regards,

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