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Dr. William B. James, Superintendent

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Dear Parents:

There may be times during the school year when we must close schools due to emergency or weather related causes. If we are considering the closing of schools or other schedule changes, the following procedures will be used:

1. District administrators will assess weather, road and/or other information.
2. Reports, as necessary, will be obtained from the National Weather Service, Emergency Preparedness Center, County Road Maintenance, the State Highway Department, county and city law enforcement offices.
3. Reports will be analyzed and a decision made by **5:30 AM** if schools are to be closed for the full day or delayed in the morning. The decision needs to be made early in order to make transportation arrangements. Other closings due to factors arising during a school day will be made in a timely manner so that children can be safely transported home.
4. The decision will be announced by 6:00 AM on the following television and radio stations:

WAGI Radio	-	Gaffney
WFGN Radio	-	Gaffney
WSPA-AM Radio	-	Spartanburg
WSPA-TV	-	Spartanburg
WYFF-TV	-	Greenville
WLOS-TV	-	Asheville
WHNS-Fox 21	-	Greenville

**Please do not call school officials or radio or television stations. It is imperative that these telephone lines remain open in case of emergency.**

Every reasonable precaution will be taken to assure children's safety and welfare. Decisions regarding school schedule changes are made only after careful consideration of all information available to us and always with the safety of children in mind.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

William B. James, Ph. D.  
Superintendent