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# **Inclement Weather/School Closings Information**

The School District of Milton takes the decision to close school due to inclement weather conditions very seriously. Many individuals, agencies, and factors are involved in the decision-making process. The most important consideration in the decision is the safety of our students.

To ensure that you are informed of school closings or delays, it is important that we have accurate contact information in the Skyward Family Access system. Families should be sure to check their contact information in the Skyward system. The Skyward login can be found at <a href="https://www.milton.kl2.wi.us/families/Family\_Access.cfm">https://www.milton.kl2.wi.us/families/Family\_Access.cfm</a>

## **Extreme Cold/Hazardous Travel Conditions**

We monitor the weather conditions and remain informed about weather forecasts, receiving information from both national and local weather services.

Our general practice is to close schools if the National Weather Service issues a <u>Wind Chill</u> <u>Warning</u> (when sustained wind chills below -35 degrees are expected) during school hours and/or when significant snowfall and/or ice accumulation or other precipitation that presents hazardous travel conditions exists.

While our district staff has the responsibility to close school due to weather, no decision of ours overrides your judgment as a parent or guardian. If you believe travel is unsafe for your student(s), we defer to you to make the best decision for your family based on the circumstances presented. Please note that weather-related absences will be coded as 'parent excused' and will still count toward your student's attendance for the semester.

In the end, rest assured that the ability to safely transport all of our students to and from school is the primary determinant for closing school. That decision is made with input from many professionals who are committed to the safety of our students - a responsibility that is not taken lightly.

#### **Notification Procedures**

In case of inclement weather, the School District of Milton will announce school closings as soon as possible. We will notify parents by an automated phone call and text alert. Announcements will be made on the local TV and radio stations listed below. School closings will also be available on our website at <u>www.milton.k12.wi.us</u>, our Facebook page and Twitter account.

### **Radio/TV Stations**

In case of inclement weather or an emergency, the School District of Milton will announce school closings, late start times, and early release times on the following radio and TV stations:

WISC Channel 3	WCLO 1230 AM	WJVL 99.9 FM
WMTV Channel 15	WSJY 107.3 FM	WKPO 105.9 FM
WKOW Channel 27	WSLD 104.5 FM	WFAW 940 AM

#### Activities

Please note that when Milton schools are closed for the day due to inclement weather, it also means that all activities scheduled in school buildings for that day/evening are cancelled. This includes MECAS, all 4K classes, and all before or after school programs as well as any community programming scheduled to take place in our buildings that day/evening. On very rare occasions where the conditions have cleared later in the day, evening events may take place at the discretion of the District Administrator.