

## WEST LINCOLN-BROADWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #92

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### Inclement Weather Procedures

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It is that time of year again to begin thinking about inclement weather. Many factors go into making the decision to cancel school or begin late. It is not an easy decision as weather/road conditions can vary greatly from one area of the district to another (72 square miles). There are three possibilities when it comes to “snow days”. First, a day that is considered to be “dangerous” for students and staff to attend can be a traditional “snow day”. This means that school is not in session and the day will be added to a break or at the end of the year. Second, an Alternative Learning Day (ALD or E-Learning Day) can be used where students attend school via e-learning platform or student packets (if unable to access Internet). These days do not need to be made up. Teachers are available for student interaction during the school day. An ALD depends on duration of inclement weather. Of course, being in the classroom is the best way to achieve student learning, but adding days to the end of the school year is not always conducive to student achievement. Third, a late start can be used to give road crews time clear roads and weather conditions to improve. A few of our bus routes leave WLB before the sun has risen. Poor road conditions and darkness does not allow for a safe commute to school. The decision to cancel school is always a tough one. Superintendents are up during the early hours of the morning communicating with one another, communicating with road commissioners and transportation personnel, and driving routes themselves. School will be cancelled the night before if at possible, but being able to make the call the evening before does not always work. A SchoolReach message and e-mail blast message will be sent at the time of cancellation (Voxer for staff and faculty). This message will state what type of snow day will be used. The announcement will also be sent to local media outlets as well for broadcast/publication. Please review accompanying information about ALD procedures. A late start will follow the following protocol (if possible):

1. Late start will be announced.
2. School will begin at 9:30 a.m. on late start days (this will be protocol time).
3. Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. for any students that need to be dropped off by parents due to work schedule (IF parents feel it is safe to drive their students). Students will remain in cafeteria/gym areas until school begins.
4. Bus routes will begin at 8:30 a.m. (if road conditions have improved) with the exception of Mr. Skold's route. Mr. Skold's route will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please encourage your student(s) to be on the lookout for the bus. Exact times will not be able to be determined.

Please be flexible and patient with us as we navigate through the upcoming winter months. Student safety is my main concern when deciding to use a snow day/late start. It is always better to be safe versus sorry!