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Dear SJPS Families,

Snow Day Decisions and Communication

As we enter the "Snow Day Season," I'd like to share some information about how the decision of whether or not to cancel school is made and how a school closing will be communicated.

1. Many weather factors are considered when determining whether or not to cancel school:
 - Amount of snow (current and predicted)
 - Timing of snow
 - Sustained temperature and wind chill
 - Road and sidewalk conditions (including conditions for buses and young drivers)
 - Other factors such as blowing and drifting, ice or freezing rain, visibility, power outages

We do a road check throughout the district beginning around 4:15 a.m. and communicate with other local superintendents and often the City of St. Johns, Clinton County Road Commission and/or SJPD.

2. When possible, we will make the call the night before in order to give families as much time as possible to prepare. If a decision to close schools is made the night before, it will be communicated no later than 10:00 p.m.

If the decision to close schools is made in the morning, we do our best to communicate by 6:00 a.m.

3. If a decision is made to close school, the closing is communicated to staff and families via the following methods:
 - Robocall to staff and families (make sure your phone number is current in Infinite Campus)
 - SJPS Facebook page
 - SJPS website - main page
 - Twitter
 - Local news media: WILX, WLNS, Fox 47, NBC 25/Fox 66, 92.5FM
4. All after school activities may be canceled unless otherwise approved by district officials. If events (practices, games, concerts, etc.) will proceed on a snow day, a decision will be made after 12 p.m. and communicated through coaches and advisors and/or the district website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Berthiaume".

Dr. Anthony Berthiaume, Ph.D., Superintendent

Together, we succeed.