

November Superintendent's Message
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Hello RSU 73, and Welcome to November,

In light of the inevitable, this month I wanted to take a few minutes to talk about, inclement weather, snow days and the rights of parents and the school district. Due to the unpredictability of the weather, storms and potential snowfall, it is important you are aware of your rights as a parent, or guardian and RSU 73's obligations to you in the event of stormy weather.

First, as a district, it is our role to decide when traveling conditions become a threat to our students and staff and to do whatever is necessary to keep all members of the RSU 73 family happy and healthy. We try to make the correct decision in most every case, but let's be honest, when it comes to the weather; sometimes it is difficult to make the correct call. We ask that you keep in mind our obligation to you and to our student body. If we feel that the weather is a threat, we will often act on the side of caution and safety and either delay, call off or dismiss schools early. That being said; again, sometimes we do not get it right.

This is where the rights of the parents come into play. Please always remember it is your right as a parent or guardian to keep your child(ren) home from school, or to pick them up from school when you believe the weather a safety concern. Should you chose to do so, please simply contact the appropriate school to let us know you are keeping your children home or picking them up early and we will excuse the absence. The ultimate decision, as in most things, truly is yours.

On days when the weather is poor, we will make every effort to contact you and to let you know what the district plans to do. Obviously, if you do not hear from us, we are planning to hold school as usual. We will utilize our phone system to send a group message to all families and contacts to be sure the message gets through; local television stations and radio stations will be contacted as well. We will try in most situations to get the word out as early as is possible, so you are able to plan for your day. It is never our desire to inconvenience you, but there are days when it is just too dangerous to send out the busses or keep the kids in school.

I hope this brief message has been valuable in reminding you that just because school is not delayed, cancelled or dismissed early, if you feel it wise to keep your children out of school due to the weather, that is your right and we will support your decision. We serve our communities and as a member of these communities, we serve you.