Emergency Communication

The winter months occasionally bring weather conditions which require school schedule delays or closures. Each family should have a plan covering what to do when children arrive home early due to an emergency situation. Situations which should be covered include:

- What is the best route home if your student cannot be delivered to the normal bus stop?
- Where could they go if they needed help?
- Who could care for him or her until you arrive?
- Is there someone your child could call to allay fears?

South Whidbey School District will provide a **robo** call/text/email and update the website as soon as we determine that school will have a late start, closure or early dismissal. Please make sure your contact information is up to date with your school secretary. For the text messages, you are required to *opt in* to receive the sms messages.

Stay tuned to area radio stations between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. if you feel the weather may create hazardous traveling conditions. Radio/TV stations will be announcing schedule changes by district name and number. Please do not call the radio stations or the administration office. Jammed telephone lines only compound emergencies. No announcement means normal operations. Announcements are for one day only.

The bolded radio/TV stations are stations that carry school closures most frequently, but all are a part of the Emergency Communications System.

AM Stations

KCIS 630, KAPS 660 KRKO 1380, KBRC 1430 KVI 570, KIRO 710, KNWX 770, KOMO 1000, KJTT 1110

FM Stations

KMPS 94.1, KYCW 96.5, KMTT 103.7 KSER 90.7, KUOW 94.9, KIRO 100.7, KPLZ 101.5, KCMS 105.3

TV Stations

KOMO TV 4, KING TV 5, KIRO TV 7

Emergency Messages and Closures Will Also Be Posted On The Internet

The following information is provided for your reference should it be necessary to close district schools or operate them on a modified basis.

Participating radio/TV stations have requested that we used the following phrases:

School Closed	All schools will be closed for one day only. All meetings, field trips, after school activities, etc. will be canceled for the day.
Limited Bus Transportation	Please refer to the "Limited Bus Transportation" schedule for restrictions.
One or More Hours Late	Bus schedules and school will begin late and students will be dismissed at the regular time unless otherwise announced. Listen to your radio for further announcements.
No Out of District Transportation	There will be no transportation to any programs outside our district for any students.
No Kindergarten	There will be no kindergarten in the morning or afternoon.
No Preschool Programs	There will be no Head Start, ECEAP, special education, or child care programs in the morning or afternoon.
No In-District Transportation	There will be no transportation due to road restrictions.

Note:

Due to changes in road and weather conditions beyond our control, we may need to update or change our radio announcement.

Please monitor the website at <u>www.sw.wednet.edu</u>, radio/TV stations frequently between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M.