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TO: All Parents

SUBJECT: **WINTER WEATHER AND SCHOOL**

Winter is approaching and I want to share with you information about the possibility of school closure due to unsafe conditions that may occur due to weather conditions. The practice of the Milford School Department will be to keep school in session under all conditions. There will be exceptions and these may result from weather and road conditions that are hazardous. In general, when bus schedules are disrupted due to road conditions, schools will not be in session.

There will be days when specific conditions on your road that differ from general conditions. Regardless of our decision to open or not open schools, we respect the right of parents to make the decision not to send their child(ren) to school when they feel their child's safety is at risk due to travel conditions. In these cases, the absence will be excused when we receive a note from you stating you chose to keep your child at home for safety reasons. NO-SCHOOL announcements will be broadcast on local radio/TV stations as early as is possible and posted on our website: <http://www.lewislibbyschool.org/>

We will do our best to maintain our regular school day schedule once we start school. I know that many parents are working and having children come home early creates another set of supervision issues. Know that we will use early dismissal only as a last resort due to safety concerns. In case students are dismissed early, *parents who are not at home should make alternate plans for their child(ren) and make the school aware of these emergency plans.* Advance planning for a neighbor, friend or family member to care for your child(ren) if they are dismissed early is critical. We may also delay the start of school if travel conditions so warrant. This too might require advance planning on your part if your child(ren) are not boarding the bus at their usual time.

I strongly urge all parents/guardians make plans in advance before the winter season. If you have questions, please call our office at 827-2252. You may ask for Lynn Silk, our school principal, or me.

By planning now we can save time and stress as our harsher weather advances and keep all our children safe.

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