



Monona Grove School District

"Promoting Excellence for Global Opportunities"

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Dear Monona Grove School District Families:

To help you and your family understand how we decide whether to close or delay schools during severe winter weather, we have provided you with some information below. Our primary concern is the safety of all students. The decision to close schools due to severe winter weather is made using the best available weather information and in consultation with surrounding school districts.

Weather conditions may cause one of the following:

- **Two-Hour Delay:** School will begin two hours after normal start time to allow streets and highways to be cleared.
- **School Closing:** School is canceled due to unsafe weather conditions for all or most of the school day.
- **Early Release:** Students are released early due to poor conditions, impacting safe transportation from school to home.

Factors we consider to determine if schools will be CLOSED:

Snow:

- Large amounts of accumulation
- Drifting and blowing
- Unsafe road conditions throughout the district

Cold:

- If a Wind Child WARNING is issued by the National Weather Service, schools will most likely be closed.
- If a Wind Chill WATCH is issued, schools will be open.

A decision to delay or close schools will be made by 6:00 a.m. on school days. The announcement of a delay or closing will be made via email, text and phone messages sent to all students' homes/families based on personal parent communication selections within the parent portal of Infinite Campus. Additionally, announcements will be made via local radio and television stations, as well as posted on the district [web page](#) and through the

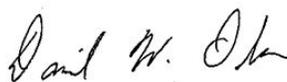
District's [Facebook page](#). Should weather or road conditions cause the school district to close schools once students are in attendance, similar announcements will be made.

The effectiveness of this notification system is dependent on the district having the most current contact information from parents/guardians. Parents/guardians must keep their student contact information up-to-date within the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) in order to receive these alerts. Parents/guardians who change their home phone, cell phone, work phone or email address are encouraged to update their information as soon as possible. Directions for navigating the Infinite Campus Parent Portal can be found [here](#).

Parents who feel the weather conditions pose an undue risk for their child are encouraged to use their own judgment in making a decision whether or not to send your child to school. Students kept home due to this parental decision will be considered excused.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out via [email](#) or phone at (608) 316-1917.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel W. Olson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Daniel W. Olson, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Monona Grove School District