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Dear Students, Parents, and Families:

Inclement Weather

School/Bus Cancellations and Delayed Openings

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to cancel schools and/or buses, or delay the opening of school, in the event of severe or inclement weather. When these situations occur, the information is posted on the HRCE's website at www.hrce.ca, on Twitter at www.twitter.com/HRCE_NS, recorded at 902-464-INFO (4636) and communicated to local radio stations. Families can also subscribe to receive notice(s) of cancellations and delayed openings by e-mail or text message by following the link on the front page (left side) of the HRCE website.

If weather conditions warrant, the HRCE could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means school would start at 11:10 a.m. If school buses are operating, the expectation will be that students are picked up two hours later than their regularly assigned time pending any weather-related delays. Our lunch and dismissal times will remain at their regularly scheduled times.

The weather in Nova Scotia is unpredictable so it's always a good idea for families to have a back-up plan in case of a school cancellation or delayed opening. To learn more about the process on how decisions regarding closures and cancellations are made, visit:

<https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/parents/inclement-weather>.

Masks

Our students have been doing well at following the public health guidelines of wearing a mask in the public areas of the school and in areas where they are unable to practice physical distancing, as well as hand washing / sanitizing. We have continued to reinforce these important measures with announcements and classroom visits by the school administration. We have found that students need more and more reminders to wear their masks (properly over the mouth and nose), especially in the hallways and common areas of the school. With the number of COVID-19 cases on the rise, the safety of students and staff is critical. Please remind your students that they need to bring a mask to school (many students are forgetting their masks at home) and they need to wear their masks as outlined in the Back to School Plan. Thanks in advance for your support in talking with your students about the importance of following these important health measures.

Have a great evening.

Greg, Marilyn, Glen, and Karen
Halifax West Admin Team