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Dear Parents/Guardians & Staff:

As we enter the winter months, Arlington Heights School District 25 (AHSD25) would like to update you on some of the factors that contribute to closing school in the event of inclement weather and when you can expect to be notified.

Over the course of the past several years, we have been engaged in collaborative discussions with District 214 as well as our neighboring districts. Together, we are committed to a process that ensures decisions are made wisely and in a timely fashion regarding the safety and well being of our entire school community.

Something new this year is the possibility of the District implementing an eLearning Day on a day when school is closed due to inclement weather. For details on eLearning Days, read the section further down in this letter titled [eLEARNING DAY](#).

SCHOOL CLOSING GUIDELINES

AHSD25 will follow these general guidelines when closing schools for winter-related closings:

- Schools will be closed if there is a forecasted sustained wind chill of -30 degrees Fahrenheit or colder, or when the actual temperature is a sustained -15 degrees Fahrenheit or colder between the travel times of 5:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and/or 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The District will use forecasts provided by the National Weather Service.
- For snow, ice, or other weather-related closings, AHSD25 will monitor the current conditions, the forecasted conditions between the travel times listed above, the ability of our staff to plow parking lots and sidewalks, as well as the ability of local municipalities to plow and make streets passable. AHSD25 will also be in contact with our transportation companies to assess their ability to safely run buses. In these situations, the District will also be in contact with our neighboring districts, our local and State officials, and meteorologists in order to make the most appropriate decision with the facts known at that respective time.
- If school will be closed, AHSD25 **will make the notification by 5:30 a.m. the day of the closing** knowing that you may need to arrange for childcare or other schedule changes. If we are able to make the determination the night before to close school – meaning the forecast undoubtedly warrants closure – we will attempt to notify you prior to 9:30 p.m.



- Typically, we do not send out a telephone SchoolMessenger notice after 9:30 p.m., as the system can sometimes take up to an hour or so to complete all calls. The District will update its website, social media accounts (detailed below), and the Emergency Closing Center website (www.emergencyclosingcenter.com) as soon as a decision has been made. However, in the event the decision to close school is made after 9:30 p.m., the District will wait and send out the telephone SchoolMessenger notice by 5:30 a.m. the following morning.
- When school is closed due to inclement weather, all extracurricular programs and school meetings (except for Board of Education meetings) are cancelled.
- It is important to remind you that Illinois School Code, and District policy, allows parents to call their student(s) out, as excused, in the event that the district keeps schools open, because, as a family, you have concerns about your child safely traveling to or from school.

COMMUNICATIONS

For the most timely and official information regarding school closures, please follow us on Twitter ([@ahsd25](https://twitter.com/ahsd25)), like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ahsd25), follow us on Instagram ([@ahsd25social](https://www.instagram.com/ahsd25social)) and log on to our web site (www.sd25.org). Those avenues will be updated in real time as a decision is made. Also, if you haven't already, please sign up for the District's emergency text notification system. Simply text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587 to subscribe. If you're not sure if you've previously opted in, you can still follow these instructions without causing any issues. For more on the emergency text notification system, [click here](#).

eLEARNING DAY

In the event of a school closure, the District may choose between implementing an eLearning day or making up the day at the end of the school year. In the instance where an eLearning day is being implemented, your child(ren) would not come to school but rather they would learn from home connecting with their teachers virtually. Please read through this letter ([linked here](#)) for details on eLearning days.

As always, the safety and security of our students and staff remains a top priority of AHSD25, our high school district, and our community.

Sincerely,

Lori D. Bein, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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