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## South Park School District

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South Park Families:

With students returning to the hybrid instructional model on Monday, January 11 and the possibility of inclement weather for the next several months, the district is providing this update to families regarding delay and closure procedures in the event of winter weather. With the ability of teachers to teach remotely and students to learn remotely, traditional “snow days” will look much different. This also means the district will not likely need to use as many, if any, snow make-up days later in the school year.

The determination of whether to delay school or close buildings will be made as early as possible. Early dismissals will be called only in the most extreme emergencies.

When school is delayed or buildings are closed, the district will make an automated phone call and send an email notification through SchoolMessenger. Please understand that it can take at least a half-hour before all automated phone calls are made. The success of the SchoolMessenger system in contacting families depends on accurate contact information in the district’s database. If your contact information has recently changed or you would like to change your primary phone number, please call your child’s school office.

In addition to the automated phone call and email, we will communicate delay and cancellation messages on our website, our Facebook page and our Twitter page. Delay and cancellation information will also be available on KDKA, WPXI and WTAE.

### **TWO-HOUR DELAYS**

Two-hour delays will be used on a limited basis, but there are times when it is the best option. If the district calls for a two-hour delay, the schedule for students learning in-person on that day will be delayed by two hours. K-8 cyber academy students will also have their class schedule delayed by two hours. Cyber academy students will receive updates from their teacher(s). Students who were scheduled to participate in an at-home learning day should continue with their planned assignments. The online attendance reporting window for all students will be pushed back by two hours.

### **BUILDING CLOSURE**

If the district must close a building due to inclement weather or another short-term emergency situation, students who were scheduled to learn in-person on that day will learn remotely with live, recorded or asynchronous lessons. These students must report their attendance as they do on at-home learning days during the regular attendance window. Students who were already scheduled to participate in an at-home learning day will continue with their planned assignments and must report their attendance during the regular attendance window.

If you have a question about delay or closure procedures, please contact your child’s teacher or principal.

Sincerely,

Wayne P. Gdovic  
Superintendent of Schools  
South Park School District