Dear RMSEL Students and Parent Community,

We are sending my communication this week prior to Wednesday as we are expecting winter weather advisories throughout the remainder of this week that could impact school. This evening, temperatures are expected to drop into the teens and remain below freezing until Thursday. Along with artic temperatures, we are also anticipating two rounds of snow totaling up to 4 inches throughout the week.

In the event school is cancelled or delayed, it will be posted on the RMSEL website in a scrolling banner message. Along with the RMSEL website, we also communicate with all major news media outlets, including, but not limited to, 850 KOA, 9 News, The Denver Channel 7 News, Fox 31, and Channel 2 News. Our information is posted as RMSEL or Rocky Mountain Expeditionary School, depending on the site. We do not have a school hotline and request that parents refrain from calling into the main office regarding closures and delays. We want to keep all lines open for communication regarding school attendance or any emergency that may be related to weather.

As a practice, we cancel school in the event that two of our five partnering districts elect to cancel. We use discretion regarding the delay of school up to one hour, based on morning road conditions in each of our districts. During a delayed start, school will begin at 8:50 am (K-8) and 8:40 am (9-12). Please travel safely to school during inclement weather conditions; we do not count unexcused tardies and defer any student absence related to a family’s decision to remain home due to weather conditions.

More times than not, school will be in session during winter weather. At RMSEL, we adhere to the following guidelines for taking students off campus and outside during the school day. If the temperature is above 20 degrees, students will go outside for recess and fieldwork. Fieldwork will continue on cold days if road conditions are clear. We request that students dress appropriately for winter conditions. This should include a winter jacket, hat, gloves, and boots. I would recommend each item is marked with the student’s name and checked each evening upon their return home.

Tomorrow morning, you can expect student drop off to take place indoors due to a predicted temperature of 10 degrees. Middle school students will begin in the Tech Lab and lower school students will
begin in the Community Room. All students will be dismissed to class at normal start time. If you have any questions regarding winter weather and school policy, do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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