Dear RMSEL Parent Community,

While we are all currently enjoying the extended summer here in Colorado, the rain and temperature drop of 25 degrees reminded me just how unpredictable our weather patterns can be as we transition into winter.

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 new 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. Please understand this a practice when evaluating school closure and not a “hard fast rule.” 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 every day 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.

While I am keeping my fingers crossed for the continuance of good weather here on the front range, I want to ensure we are informed and prepared for when mother nature changes her mind. I wish you all a fantastic Thanksgiving; in a time of toxic headlines we must remain steadfast and positive, we have many blessings to be thankful for. Thank you all for sharing your kids with us, they are truly a gift day in and day out!

Best,

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