November 20, 2014

Dear DCS Community,

It is quite evident that winter has visited us a little earlier than anticipated. That being said, this is a timely opportunity to remind everyone of our procedures regarding weather cancellations and factors leading to that decision. When the area is impacted by snow, ice, or fog, we first need to consider the safety of students traveling to/from school. The criteria includes the ability for busses to travel on the roads, the safety of students at the bus stops, safety of cars traveling on the roads and, in the case of students walking to school, the outside temperature as students head to school.

If the wind chill dips to the negative 25-degree range, please be aware that we may need to cancel school. At that temperature, the risk to our students standing at bus stops or walking to school greatly outweighs the need to have students in school for the day. Please make sure your children dress appropriately for the cold temperatures.

In the case of a cancellation, we will be notifying families in a variety of ways. We will notify the Detroit Television and Radio Stations, send a phone alert through our emergency calling system, and we will post the closing on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dread.strong. If you changed phone numbers since the start of the school year, please update your child’s school. The emergency calling system downloads phone numbers on a regular basis from our student information system (Power School) at each building.

Please have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Go Dreadnaughts!

Sincerely,
Christopher Timmis, Ed.D.
Superintendent