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SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION

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We ask that students and parents review the following information related to our Transportation Services.

Inclement Weather Information – Non-Public Transportation

There are many considerations that affect decisions especially during inclement weather. We are confident that every parent fully understands that it is our duty to provide reasonable transportation in accordance with school district policy, applicable laws and regulations. To that end, we must make decisions that provide the highest level of quality, and most amount of safety for ALL students while working within these parameters.

The decision to close or delay school requires a coordinated effort between the bus contractor, the Transportation Director, the Superintendent and surrounding school districts. When bad weather is forecasted, the supervisors for the bus contractor are out surveying road conditions throughout the district. Based on these first hand observations of road conditions a recommendation is made to the school district to delay and/or close school. District administrators make this decision by reviewing the recommendation made by the bus contractor, the forecasted weather conditions as well as actions taken by surrounding school districts. These determinations are made by approximately 5:00am. Notification to local radio and television stations are reported to alert the district residents.

Inclement weather brings many challenges to our transportation services. Please note the following situations that may affect your student's transportation arrangements:

- For school delays / closure status & related announcements, please tune into local television & radio stations, or the posting on the district's website (www.sbsd.org).
- All non-public students should follow the Southern Lehigh School Districts delay/closure information as it relates to transportation provided for all residents of our district.
- For early dismissals, all non-public schools (elementary and secondary) should follow the SLSD secondary dismissal time. We will notify each individual non-public school as to the time we will pick-up their students for early dismissal.

- If SLSD is on a delay (1 or 2 hour), transportation will be provided to your student on the same hour delay, regardless of your school's schedule.
- Likewise, if we do not have a delay and your school does, we will provide transportation according to SLSD's normal schedule. Transportation cannot be provided to accommodate various delayed start times.
- If SLSD is closed for the day due to inclement weather and your school is open, transportation will not be provided for the entire day (AM or PM) because it has been determined to be unsafe to travel on district roads.

Please remember that when we decide to close the schools or delay the start time it is because we believe that weather and/or road conditions are currently or will become unsafe to transport students throughout our school district.

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