Inclement Weather Procedures

KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The district puts student safety first, which is why several factors are taken into consideration when determining whether to close schools due to inclement weather and/or emergency or crisis situations, such as:

- Whether a weather warning has been issued
- Whether there is a sustained wind chill of -34 degrees or lower
- Whether there is a sustained temperature of -20 degrees or lower
- Whether there is or will be a heavy accumulation of snow, especially during typical travel times to and from school
  - Are streets and sidewalks clear?
  - Are buses unable to run due to extreme cold or unplowed streets?
  - Are driving conditions hazardous?
  - Are there power or phone outages?

If school is not canceled and a parent/guardian feels his/her child is safer at home, the parent/guardian may keep his/her child home. Keeping a child home due to weather will be recorded as an excused absence on the student’s record per Policy 5310 and Wis. Statute 118.15 so long as parents/guardians report the absence in a timely manner.

In the event schools are closed or the arrival/dismissal time is changed due to inclement weather and/or emergency or crisis situations, an announcement will be made via local television stations, radio stations, the KUSD website (kusd.edu), KUSD Channel 20, Facebook.com/kenoshaschools, Twitter.com/KUSD and 262-359-SNOW (7669) no later than 5:30 a.m. unless emergency circumstances require otherwise.

If schools are closed, all after-school activities, including sports and evening events, also will be canceled. When KUSD schools are closed, no transportation will be provided to private and parochial schools.

### Three procedures to look/listen for

Unless notified otherwise, Procedure 1 is in effect.

#### Procedure 1

All schools in KUSD will be open today. Students and personnel are expected to attend.

#### Procedure 2

All schools in KUSD will open two hours late, and school buses that transport students will be running approximately two hours late. There will be no a.m. or p.m. early childhood, speech impact or 4K classes. Personnel are expected to report as normally scheduled. Dismissal will be at the regular time.

#### Procedure 3

All schools in KUSD will be closed; no students are expected to report. The Kenosha Senior Center also will be closed. KUSD employees must refer to Rule 3643 for attendance guidelines.

### Indoor/outdoor guidelines:

1. General guidelines: 10 degrees or below, wind chill factor of 0 degrees or below and rain/drizzle/blizzard = indoor recess, indoor noon recess and early entrance to door areas/hallways.

2. Administrator’s responsibilities: Principals are responsible for the timely implementation of the guidelines, reasonable supervision of students under all circumstances and informing parents each year of the district’s expectations regarding indoor periods due to weather conditions.