



Winter Weather Advisory

January 6, 2017

A letter from the Coweta County School Superintendent

On Thursday, January 5th, the Coweta County School System notified parents of early school release on Friday, January 6th. This decision was based on the 4:00 p.m. Winter Storm Warning for our county, the Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency, and the uncertainty of the onset of inclement weather.

Looking ahead, the current forecast calls for possible accumulation of snow and ice across the county Friday night. Temperatures will plummet into the teens Saturday. We will continue to monitor conditions throughout the weekend in order to make a decision regarding school on Monday, January 9th.

This decision-making process will include:

- Working with local Emergency Management Staff and Public Safety to monitor roadways.
- Working with local Emergency Management Staff and Public Safety to monitor power outages.
- Working with local Emergency Management Staff and Public Safety to monitor changing weather forecasts.
- Working with school system Maintenance Staff to monitor exterior walkways and parking lots at all facilities.
- Working with school system Maintenance Staff to monitor power, water and heat at all facilities.
- Working with school system Transportation Staff to evaluate readiness of buses (cranking ability) due to extremely low temperatures.

We will evaluate conditions throughout the weekend in preparation for a decision regarding school on Monday, January 9th. Notification will be made through our school system website, social media, our calling system, local media and Atlanta-based media. As always, options include a regular school day, a cancellation, a delayed start or an early release. For clarification purposes, we will also make notification on our system website and local media if school is to occur on a regular schedule on Monday, January 9th.

The school system will make every attempt to reach this decision regarding school status as early as possible, based on known conditions. Please continue to monitor the channels of communication mentioned above throughout the weekend.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Barker
Superintendent, Coweta County School System