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At Beech Grove City Schools, we understand that inclement weather can impact school schedules and family routines. Our decisions about delays or closures prioritize student safety, while recognizing the needs of families and the community. Below is a summary of our beliefs and procedures regarding inclement weather.

Our Beliefs:

1. **Parents know their children best.** We respect parents' decisions regarding their child's attendance during inclement weather. If you choose to keep your child home, please notify the school. Absences will be marked as excused, and students will have the opportunity to make up missed work.
2. **The community relies on schools.** Schools play an essential role in providing education, supervision, meals, and other services. We strive to remain open whenever possible.
3. **Weather plans are essential.** Central Indiana weather is unpredictable. Families are encouraged to have plans for delays or closures, which are typically communicated by early morning.

Factors in Weather Decisions:

- **Freezing Rain/Sleet:** Decisions are made in the morning to monitor fast-changing conditions.
- **Snowfall:** Decisions are based on actual accumulation and may be made the evening before in extreme cases.
- **Extreme Cold:** If temperatures are predicted to be -10°F or below at 7:00 a.m., a two-hour delay will be considered. If temperatures remain this low at 9:00 a.m., school may be closed.
- **Wind Chill:** Decisions are based on a predicted wind chill of -19°F or below, with consideration for local conditions.
- **Facility Issues:** Utility disruptions (e.g., power, water) may require school closures.

Extracurricular Activities:

- When school is closed, all practices, rehearsals, and meetings are canceled.
- Decisions about games or performances will be made on a case-by-case basis, considering weather improvements and contractual obligations.

Notifications

The Parent Square communication platform will be used to notify families if there is a 2-hour delay or school closure. If there is a delay or closure, a **phone call** will be issued. Additionally, we will issue an email and a text message (if you have enabled text messages in Parent Square).

All delays and closures will also be reported to television media outlets.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to keep students safe during inclement weather while ensuring access to education and services. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.