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Dear Lake Country School Families,

Lake Country School District and surrounding schools will be closed tomorrow, Tuesday, January 9, 2024. The weather forecast has been upgraded, raising concerns for safety in travel. In addition, all extracurricular activities are canceled for the afternoon/evening of Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

The two most common reasons for canceling school are excessive snow/ice and extreme cold. Both can result in dangerous circumstances for students, parents, and staff. However, road conditions and travel are more of a factor than temperature when determining whether or not to cancel school. There is little or no recourse for unsafe road conditions caused by excessive ice or snow.

Once students are on campus, it is very difficult to close the school at a substantially earlier time than regularly scheduled dismissal. Bus drivers need to be brought in, and parents need ample notice to make arrangements for the care of young students.

The decision to cancel school is made as early as possible and involves the National Weather Service, other area school districts, the bus company, the police department, and the Department of Public Works. The closing decision is typically made by 5:00 AM *or earlier*, so we can notify families via Skylert (automated message system), and radio and TV stations. We do the best we can to make a timely decision with the available information.

The state requires a minimum number of hours of direct pupil instruction. We have extra hours built into our 2023-2024 calendar in case a decision to close school is required.

As the District Administrator, the decision to close the school is taken very seriously. Many people, agencies, and factors are involved in the decision-making process. The safety of students, staff, and parents is certainly our top priority and is weighed heavily when considering all pertinent information and considering a course of action.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this communication.

Respectfully,
Chad E. Schraufnagel
Lake Country School District Administrator