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TO: Parents

FROM: Robert DiVirgilio, Ed.D.
Superintendent

RE: *School Closings – Please save*

Your child's safety is my major concern when determining whether we should close schools. We consider several variables prior to making this decision including; current and projected weather conditions (combined temperature and wind which exceeds 25° to 30° below zero), road conditions (main roads and side streets), location of bus stops (where can students stand while waiting for the bus?), availability of buses and drivers, approximate route times anticipated (how long will students be waiting outside?), and status of school buildings (heat, electricity, water, having sidewalks open, and parking lots cleared, etc...)

We recognize that most parents in our communities are working during the day and that children are best served by being in school. It is the policy of Beach Park School District #3 to keep schools open during inclement weather if at all possible. When our schools are in session during inclement weather, I encourage each parent to determine the best approach for your child, i.e. wait at the bus stop with child dressed for the cold, transport child to school by car, or keep child home for the day. Again, your child's safety is our primary concern, and as a parent, you are in the best position to determine how to best meet your child's needs.

In the event of a school closing, district officials will notify the following:

- District website – www.bpd3.org
- Email notification to everyone that provided an email address at registration
- Area radio stations. Most announcements start at 6:00 a.m. Tune to any of the following:
 - FM stations: WILL 95FM, WLS 94.7FM, WBBM 96FM, and WXLC 102.3,
WEXT 104.7FM
 - AM stations: WLS 890AM, WGN 720AM, WKRS 1220AM, WMAQ 67 AM,
WBBM 780AM, and WLIP 1050AM
- TV stations:
 - CBS (Channel 2)
 - WMAQ TV (Channel 5)
 - ABC (Channel 7)
 - WGN TV (Channel 9)
 - FOX (Channel 32)

Thank you for your continuing support.

***IF SCHOOL IS IN SESSION AND YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ATTENDING,
PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL***