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Dear Caledonia Community Schools community,

Now that we are in the midst of the winter season, we want to take this opportunity to remind parents to make sure students are properly dressed for the weather. While we do not expect extreme cold that will lead to a school closure in the immediate future, it's important to remember that when children are not properly dressed and in cold weather for prolonged periods of time, frostbite and other health and safety-related issues could become a concern.

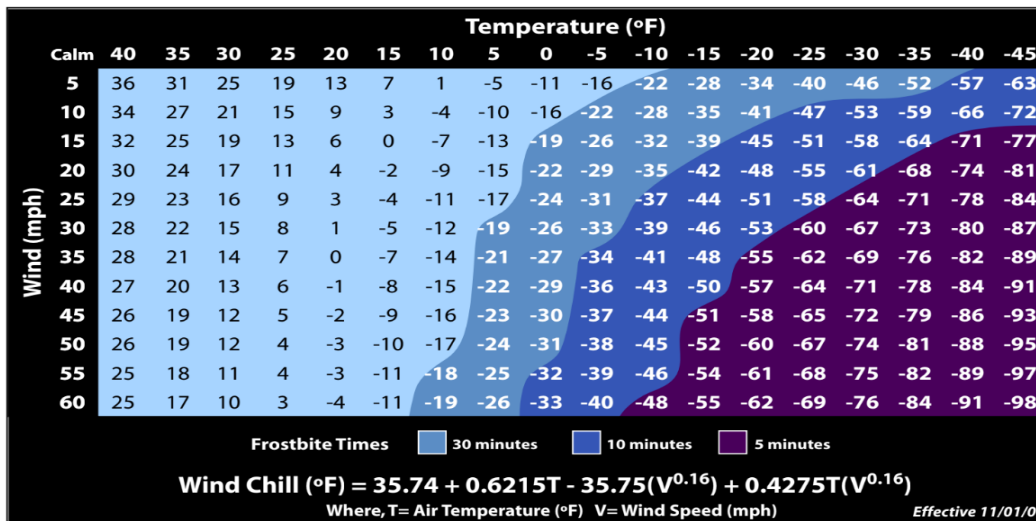
Extreme Cold and School Closures

Members of the Kent Intermediate Superintendent’s Association use a sustained wind chill of -20 as one consideration for making the decision to close schools. Other considerations are travel conditions due to snow, ice, and the time of day for which the sustained temperatures of -20 windchill are forecasted and actually occur.

Guidance Chart from the National Weather Service



Wind Chill Chart



Weather conditions are monitored closely through national and local weather services. Local road conditions are assessed to determine the extent to which they will be safe to travel. If it is found that conditions exist that would prevent the safe transport of children to and/or from school, schools will be closed or released early.

Notification Preferences

In the case of inclement weather, Caledonia Community Schools(CCS) will announce school closings as soon as possible. CCS uses School Messenger to communicate school closings, delays, early releases, and other emergency situations to our families who have students enrolled in the school district. Emergency information is also sent to local radio and television

stations and is posted on the district website and social media. SchoolMessenger is also used by the school district, school buildings, and classroom teachers to send non-emergency messages, such as informational updates, reminders, event announcements, and newsletters.

Common Notification Errors/Troubleshooting.

1. Check that your information is up to date in [School Messenger](#). All snow day or weather announcements will come through as Emergency Notifications.
2. Make sure you have [opted-in for text messaging](#). To opt-in, text Y to 67587 from the cell phone you wish to receive text messages on. The cell phone number **must be associated with your student's account** in our Student Information System(PowerSchool) in order to receive text messages.
3. Closing information is also sent to these TV outlets: WoodTV8, WZZM13, Fox17. Most, if not all of these outlets offer email or text message notifications.
4. Need help updating preferences on the CCS app? Check out the [tutorials](#) on our website for step-by-step instructions.
5. If you have exhausted both of these options, please reach out to your building directly for assistance. For more information visit our [PowerSchool Support](#) page on our website.

Thank you,

CCS Administrative Team