

**RE: CCS District Fog Delay Procedures** 

March 8, 2021

Dear Caledonia Staff and Families:

Student safety is a primary goal of the Caledonia Community Schools. Now that Spring is around the corner and the weather is once again shifting, we want to take this opportunity to remind parents about what could happen with the possibility of fog delays. At all times, weather conditions are monitored to ensure that students can be safely delivered to schools and returned home. Regardless of the situation, parents are strongly encouraged to prepare and make arrangements for the welfare of their children due to school closings or delays and ensure that their children are appropriately dressed for weather conditions. As we have seen a rapid increase in temperature lately and with spring closing in, we felt it is time to review the Caledonia Community Schools District fog delay procedures since these are so rarely called.

If the notice is given that school will be delayed two hours, Caledonia Community Schools observed start times will be exactly two hours later than normal for all schools. For example, if your school normally starts at 7:50 am, the new start time will be 9:50 am. Buses arrive at the same designated bus stop two hours later than on a normal school day and breakfast will still be available as students arrive. Staff and teachers will adjust the school day as needed but schools will still let out at the normally scheduled time. Since we cannot predict what will happen with the foggy conditions, we have to make the best decision we can, based on the road conditions before the busses begin their routes at 6:00 am.

Closing school or delaying the start is always a tough decision, but please be assured, as your superintendent, I rely on the information from several people and will always put safety first in my decision. If you have specific questions, please contact your building directly.

Thank you,

CCS Administrative Team