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SCHOOL DISTRICT/KNIK ELEMENTARY ~ SCHOOL AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION:

Each school day, thousands of children are transported to and from Mat-Su schools. Our number one priority in pupil transportation is the safety of our students. Occasionally our normal schedule is disrupted by weather conditions, which may make road conditions hazardous and generally unsafe for travel. In that event, bus routes may be delayed or cancelled, and schools may be closed. The following information is provided to answer questions regarding the School District's policies and procedures for school closure, road closure and suspension of school bus transportation. For more information, please contact MSBSD's Pupil Transportation Department at 373-2287.

How will the School District notify parents when schools will be closed or buses will be delayed?

We encourage students and parents to listen to KMBQ 99.7 FM for the latest school bus status reports. Announcements will begin as early as 5 a.m. and will be repeated periodically in the morning hours. If there are no announcements, school buses will run regular routes as scheduled.

Announcements may also be heard on the following radio stations:

KNBA 90.3 FM; KMBQ 99.7 FM; KSKA 91.1 FM; KENAI 550 AM; KHAR 590 AM; KYMG 98.9 FM; KYAK 650 AM; KFQD 750 AM; KWHL 106.5 FM; KGOT 101.3 FM

What type of weather and road conditions will preclude school bus service and possibly require schools to be closed?

School bus service will be suspended and schools may be closed when the Glenn Highway, Parks Highway, Palmer/Wasilla Highway and other arterial roads and highways cannot be traveled safely by a school bus. Hazardous conditions may include excessive snow, ice, or unusually cold weather.

If school bus service has not been canceled, may parents assume that buses will travel the regular routes, picking up and discharging students at all regular bus stops?

Yes. Buses will travel all regular bus routes, stopping at regular bus stops, wherever road conditions permit.

If a bus driver finds a portion of the regular route impassable either to or from school, how will the School District advise parents that students on this portion of the route cannot be picked up or discharged at their regular stop?

Parents will be advised of the designated pick up or discharge point through announcements on KMBQ 99.7 FM radio during the morning and afternoon runs. In addition, the Bus Contractor will contact as many parents as possible by phone. In the afternoon, middle school and high

school students will be discharged at the designated point even though parents may not be at the designated point to pick them up.

Elementary students and students riding special buses will not be discharged from the bus unless the parent, or someone acting on behalf of the parent, is there to receive the student. Students whose parents cannot be reached will be transported back to their respective schools until parents pick them up.

If school bus service is not provided due to inclement weather and parents are unable to transport their children, will their absence from school be excused? Yes. Absences will be excused for students living in areas where bus service was not provided. Parents are discouraged from taking risks when attempting to transport children to school or to meet the bus at another location.

Do road closure policies apply to special education bus transportation also?

Yes.

In the event the Chief School Administrator announces a closure, what happens to all school sponsored activities?

All school sponsored activities will be canceled for that day including co-curricular activities and community school activities. No travel to activities outside of the District will be allowed. If road and weather conditions improve following a Friday closure, then activities may be held on Saturday and Sunday. For those students already on an activity outside of our District, transportation will be provided back into our District to the previously designated drop off area.

Who may parents call when they have questions regarding school bus transportation?

Parents may call the Mat-Su School District Pupil Transportation Office - 373-2287, First Student – 357-6327 OR 357-6328, Bunker - 495-6311, and Glacier View Transportation - 745-0948.