

September 23, 2008

To: Parents, Staff and Students of Manitou Springs School District #14

From: Tim Miller, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services

RE: Weather Decisions Based on Student Safety

The time of year when adverse weather can cause safety concerns regarding the transportation of students is approaching. The district attempts to make decisions on weather in the best interest of student safety.

Because our district boundaries and elevations vary so widely, multiple weather conditions can exist at the same time. Also, meteorological forecasts are sometimes inaccurate. As a result, school personnel may misjudge weather situations. Due to this, parents are encouraged to keep their children at home if they consider weather and road conditions dangerous. In such cases, students will be excused and will be allowed to make up any missed work if parents report the absence to their child's school.

The Inclement Weather Procedures on page 2 will be followed by the district; please review these procedures with your children, day care providers, and others with whom you entrust your children.

We will report our status through the Flash News network, which utilizes local radio and TV stations (listed below) to broadcast delayed start and/or school closure information.

You can also view changes in start time or school closure at www.flashalert.net (select Colorado Springs; El Paso Co. Schools; Manitou Springs SD 14), or, on the district web site at www.mssd14.org.

We will continue to use our phone tree notification plan for district staff.

Ch. 5/30	KOAA TV	KCME FM	88.7	KGFT FM	100.7
Ch. 11	KKTU	KTLF FM	90.5	KBIQ FM	
	102.7				
Ch. 13	KRDO TV	KRCC FM	91.5	KYZX FM	
	103.9				
Ch. 21	KXRM TV	KKPK FM	92.9	KRDO FM	105.5
		KILO FM	94.3	KKLI FM	106.3
KVOR	AM 740	KATC FM	95.1		
KCBR	AM 1040	KIBT FM	96.1		

KRDO AM 1240
KKML AM 1300
KZNT AM 1460
KCMN AM 1530

KCCY FM 96.9
KKFM FM 98.1
KKMG FM 98.9
KVUU FM 99.9

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