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Fox Lake D114 Emergency Closure Procedures

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Canceling school is a complicated decision that affects students, families, and school staff. Providing students with a safe place to learn is a top priority for Fox Lake Grade School District 114 and is the primary consideration in making a school closing decision.

Making the Decision to Close, Shift to Remote, Use a Late Start Day, or Use an Early Release:

When severe weather is expected on a school day, we examine many factors, including the following:

- What are the predictions of several local weather forecasts?
- What are the anticipated road conditions during student transport?
- Will the actual temperature be -20° F or colder?
- Will the wind chill temperature ("feels like") be -35° F or colder? (Wind Chill Warning)
- Are our building systems functioning properly? (e.g., power/heat/water)
- Are our buses operating and do we have drivers?
- Can our families and staff travel safely to/from school by car?
- Will students be safe walking or waiting at bus stops in appropriate winter clothing?
- What are the decisions of our neighboring districts?

We determine whether to use a late start, shift to remote, or close school no later than **5:30 AM**. If we have enough information to make a decision the evening before, we will always try to do so.

If it becomes necessary to delay our start, shift to remote, release early, or cancel school, we will notify parents and staff using the contact information in Skyward (e.g.,

home and cell phone numbers, and email addresses). If any of your information has changed, please login to Skyward and change or contact your school office.

We notify families of a change via:

- Email and automated phone calls
- The District 114 website at www.d114.org
- The District 114 Facebook and Twitter feeds

For the first closure day, we will use a “traditional” closure day and make the day up on Casimir Pulaski day, as indicated on the District calendar.

Should we use a late start schedule, the following is key information:

Late Start Schedule:

The schedule below applies to all days of the week. **If a late start is called on a Wednesday, we will NOT do an Early Release and will follow the schedule below:**

LOTUS:

9:00AM-2:20PM--K-4

No Morning PreK

10:15AM-2:20 PM--All day PreK

11:45AM-2:20 PM--Afternoon PreK

STANTON:

10AM-3:05PM—All students

Please see below for bus pick up times:

 Lotus Delayed Start PreK All Day Morning Pick Up Bus Stop Schedule Lotus Pre-K All Day School Hours: 10:15 am to 2:20 pm	
Original Bus Stop Time	90 Min Delay Bus Stop Time
8:20 AM	9:50 AM
8:21 AM	9:51 AM
8:22 AM	9:52 AM
8:23 AM	9:53 AM
8:24 AM	9:54 AM
8:25 AM	9:55 AM
8:26 AM	9:56 AM
8:27 AM	9:57 AM
8:28 AM	9:58 AM
8:29 AM	9:59 AM
8:30 AM	10:00 AM
8:31 AM	10:01 AM
8:32 AM	10:02 AM
8:33 AM	10:03 AM
8:34 AM	10:04 AM
8:35 AM	10:05 AM
8:36 AM	10:06 AM
8:37 AM	10:07 AM
8:38 AM	10:08 AM
8:39 AM	10:09 AM
8:40 AM	10:10 AM
8:41 AM	10:11 AM
8:42 AM	10:12 AM
8:43 AM	10:13 AM
8:44 AM	10:14 AM
8:45 AM	10:15 AM

This chart is only for ALL DAY PRE-K STUDENTS.

AM Half Day students will not have school
on late start days.

PM Students stop time is the same
time as a normal school day.

D114 EMERGENCY DELAYED START BUS SCHEDULE							
 Lotus Delayed Start Morning Pick Up Bus Stop Schedule Lotus School Hours: 9:00 am to 2:20 pm				 Stanton Delayed Start Morning Pick Up Bus Stop Schedule Stanton School Hours 10:00 am to 3:05 pm			
Original Bus Stop Time	90 Min Delay Bus Stop Time	Original Bus Stop Time	90 Min Delay Bus Stop Time	Original Bus Stop Time	90 Min Delay Bus Stop Time	Original Bus Stop Time	90 Min Delay Bus Stop Time
6:45 AM	8:15 AM	7:06 AM	8:36 AM	7:35 AM	9:05 AM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
6:46 AM	8:16 AM	7:07 AM	8:37 AM	7:36 AM	9:06 AM	8:01 AM	9:31 AM
6:47 AM	8:17 AM	7:08 AM	8:38 AM	7:37 AM	9:07 AM	8:02 AM	9:32 AM
6:48 AM	8:18 AM	7:09 AM	8:39 AM	7:38 AM	9:08 AM	8:03 AM	9:33 AM
6:49 AM	8:19 AM	7:10 AM	8:40 AM	7:39 AM	9:09 AM	8:04 AM	9:34 AM
6:50 AM	8:20 AM	7:11 AM	8:41 AM	7:40 AM	9:10 AM	8:05 AM	9:35 AM
6:51 AM	8:21 AM	7:12 AM	8:42 AM	7:41 AM	9:11 AM	8:06 AM	9:36 AM
6:52 AM	8:22 AM	7:13 AM	8:43 AM	7:42 AM	9:12 AM	8:07 AM	9:37 AM
6:53 AM	8:23 AM	7:14 AM	8:44 AM	7:43 AM	9:13 AM	8:08 AM	9:38 AM
6:54 AM	8:24 AM	7:15 AM	8:45 AM	7:44 AM	9:14 AM	8:09 AM	9:39 AM
6:55 AM	8:25 AM	7:16 AM	8:46 AM	7:45 AM	9:15 AM	8:10 AM	9:40 AM
6:56 AM	8:26 AM	7:17 AM	8:47 AM	7:46 AM	9:16 AM	8:11 AM	9:41 AM
6:57 AM	8:27 AM	7:18 AM	8:48 AM	7:47 AM	9:17 AM	8:12 AM	9:42 AM
6:58 AM	8:28 AM	7:19 AM	8:49 AM	7:48 AM	9:18 AM	8:13 AM	9:43 AM
6:59 AM	8:29 AM	7:20 AM	8:50 AM	7:49 AM	9:19 AM	8:14 AM	9:44 AM
7:00 AM	8:30 AM	7:21 AM	8:51 AM	7:50 AM	9:20 AM	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
7:01 AM	8:31 AM	7:22 AM	8:52 AM	7:51 AM	9:21 AM	8:16 AM	9:46 AM
7:02 AM	8:32 AM	7:23 AM	8:53 AM	7:52 AM	9:22 AM	8:17 AM	9:47 AM
7:03 AM	8:33 AM	7:24 AM	8:54 AM	7:53 AM	9:23 AM	8:18 AM	9:48 AM
7:04 AM	8:34 AM	7:25 AM	8:55 AM	7:54 AM	9:24 AM	8:19 AM	9:49 AM
7:05 AM	8:35 AM			7:55 AM	9:25 AM	8:20 AM	9:50 AM
				7:56 AM	9:26 AM	8:21 AM	9:51 AM
				7:57 AM	9:27 AM	8:22 AM	9:52 AM
				7:58 AM	9:28 AM	8:23 AM	9:53 AM
				7:59 AM	9:29 AM	8:24 AM	9:54 AM
						8:25 AM	9:55 AM

Times are estimated and may be altered due to traffic, weather, construction, etc.

If a delayed start is called on a Wednesday, dismissal will be at 2:20 pm, no early release.

Lotus: All Day Pre-K and PM Pre-K students only, no school for AM only Pre-K students. PM students at their normal stop times.

We ask that students are at their stop 5 minutes before your scheduled stop time. Thank You.

Should we use an Early Release schedule, the normal schedule we use for Early Release Wednesdays will apply:

EARLY RELEASE - EVERY WEDNESDAY	
Lotus Elementary School	
Grade	Bell Schedule
PreK AM	8:45 AM - 10:45 AM
PreK PM	10:45 AM - 12:45 PM
PreK All Day	8:45 AM - 12:45 PM
Kindy - 4th	7:45 AM - 12:45 PM
Stanton Middle School	
Grade	Bell Schedule
5th - 8th	8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

The superintendent makes the final decision regarding school closure. Although we strive each and every time to make the best decision regarding school closure, oftentimes no perfect decision exists.

As a family, you have the best perspective to determine the right course of action for your child. On severe weather days, you may decide to transport your child to school or determine that you want to keep your child at home. If you disagree with a decision to hold school on a day when you believe the weather is hazardous, you can certainly keep your child home. Please contact your child's school absence line to report the absence as an excused absence.

We truly appreciate your partnership, patience, and understanding throughout these cold winter months. We don't take these decisions lightly—the safety of our students and staff is our top priority.

Sincerely,

Heather Friziellie

Superintendent

Fox Lake Grade School District 114