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School Closure Information

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Brookings-Harbor School District 17-C would like to remind parents and community members that the district may need to occasionally close or delay school for bad weather during the winter season. "In our decision to close school for inclement weather it is important to balance education and safety interests," said Superintendent Sean Gallagher. "Safety during inclement weather for staff and students always takes priority."

Occasionally, the events that influence a decision to close schools are not weather related. For example, interruptions in the ability to heat schools and/or provide power or water to the buildings may result in a school closure as well as natural events such as earthquakes, floods or fires. However, of all the events that could result in a school closure, weather that brings high winds, snow, hail, or other elements that affects transportation safety is the most common reason for closing schools.

The district leadership follows a protocol when making any type of school closure/delay decision. These procedures include careful monitoring of multiple weather reports, coordinating with local agencies, and evaluating the district's ability to safely open school doors on-time. "If the roads are not safe for our busses, this would most definitely influence the decision," Gallagher noted as an example that could result in either a delay or a closure.

The decision to close/delay school and school functions is usually made as early in the morning as possible, but could occur anytime throughout the day based on current weather conditions. Unless otherwise stated, all activities that take place on school grounds and in school facilities such as breakfast service, day care, health clinics, after-school sports and community meetings are also canceled during a school closure.

In addition, parents and students can check the OSAA website at www.osaa.org/schools/159 to monitor athletics schedules and find updates about possible reschedules of canceled competitions.

Where to find school closure information

In the event of a school closure, due to inclement weather or other emergency, Brookings-Harbor School District will notify the following:

Local radio stations:

- KCRE/KPOD 94.3 FM, 97.9 FM and 1240 AM
- KURY 95.3 FM

Local/regional newspapers:

- Curry Coastal Pilot
- Del Norte Triplicate
- Medford Mail Tribune

Medford based regional television stations:

- KOBI News 5
- KDRV NewsWatch 12
- KTVL News 10

On the web:

- Brookings-Harbor School District website (www.brookings.k12.or.us)
- Facebook pages for the three schools (Kalmiopsis Elementary, Azalea Middle School and Brookings-Harbor High School)
- Superintendent Sean Gallagher Twitter profile (@suptgallagher)
- The Key Communicators eNews listserv (sign-up at <http://www.brookings.k12.or.us/keycommunicators.cfm>)

Via phone:

- After 8 a.m., information will also be available from the District Office (541-469-7443)

The above information is also available on the school district website www.brookings.k12.or.us under "School Closures."

Brookings Harbor School District 17-C: "Every Student Can Succeed."