



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF KETTLE MORaine

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1996-1997
Cushing Elementary

RE: **School Closings**

Dear Parents and Guardians of Kettle Moraine Students:

Decisions to close school due to inclement weather always prompt questions regarding the process. I want to review the process with you. Several steps are taken each time consideration is given to closing schools:



1996-1997
Dousman Elementary

1. The bus company representative and the superintendent discuss the road conditions. This discussion usually begins at 4:00 a.m. unless conditions are predictable on the previous day.



1993-1994
Magee Elementary

2. The highway patrol and Waukesha County Sheriff's department are contacted to review the driving conditions.

3. Routes are driven by a variety of personnel to make judgments regarding safety.

4. The Weather Central Service is contacted to determine weather forecasts.

5. School districts contiguous to Kettle Moraine are contacted.



1998-1999
Wales Elementary

6. If the bus company considers that they can transport students to school safely, the schools will be open.

7. If the conditions prevent the likelihood of safe transport, school opening will be delayed or schools will be closed.

8. The automated telephone contract system will be activated using the phone numbers provided for the School Messenger system.



1999-2000
KM Middle School

9. Every effort is made to make the decision and notify the appropriate radio and T.V. stations by 5:30 a.m. WTMJ (620 AM) and Lake FM (94.5) are Kettle Moraine School District's official radio stations. WTMJ, Channel 4 is the official T.V. station. The information will also be available on the school district website: www.kmsd.edu (Always refresh your screen to get up-to-date information.)



2001-2002
KM High School

10. If weather conditions warrant sending children home from school early, thoughtful consideration will be given to sending elementary students home prior to secondary students. (In other words, whenever possible, we will try to get elementary students home first.) Parents are urged to plan for such schedule changes so that students will be able to get into their homes or know where to go in the neighborhood until parents arrive.

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It is likely that we will face days of inclement weather. Parents are urged to use their own good judgment when deciding to send children to school.

- If school is open but the parent feels the weather conditions are hazardous for the child due to health, physical circumstances, length of distance to bus stop, etc., the parent is encouraged to use their best judgment. If the parent chooses to keep the child home, the schools personnel will support them and help the child make up missed work.
- If the parent chooses to send the child to school, please dress appropriately for the weather.
- In homes where both parents work, closed schools – especially for parents with elementary age children – present the dilemma and concern regarding child care and how to handle the possibility of children left home alone. Parents are urged to develop plans to handle these possibilities.

No matter whether the decision to open or close, the decision presents difficulties for some families. Please know that every effort is made to get up-to-date information to provide for the safety of our children. Also know that if you as a parent disagree with the decision to open schools, you always have the option to exercise your own best judgment and school personnel will support you.

Sincerely,



Patricia F. Deklotz
Superintendent

Kettle Moraine Operating Rules and Regulations

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND MAKE UP DAYS (723.2)

The superintendent shall have the authority to close the district schools in the event of inclement weather or other emergencies threatening the health or safety of students and staff.

When determining whether or not to close school due to inclement weather, the superintendent shall consult the transportation supervisor, weather bureau and sheriff's department. Area radio stations shall be notified as early as possible on any day that schools are closed due to inclement weather or other emergency. The official radio stations will be WTMJ (620 AM)/Lake FM (94.5).

The superintendent shall develop other necessary plans for the closing of schools and early dismissal to provide for orderly procedures. Inclement weather days shall be made up as required, to ensure compliance with DPI required school days/hours of instruction.