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To all parents/guardians and students in School District 63 (Saanich):

In the event of snow, power outages or other major storms, please listen to CFAX 1070, The Q100.3 or CBC Radio 90.5 for information on school closures and bus transportation. Messages will be provided by newscasters from 6 am onward. We will also post messages on this website as early as possible.

It is important to remember that if you hear no announcements, then it is likely schools are open and buses are running.

We will let you know that one of the following options has been decided:

- * Buses are running and schools are open
- * Buses are running late, and schools are opening late (time provided)
- * Buses have altered routes and schools are open
- * Buses are cancelled and schools are not in session but are open for supervision only
- * Buses are cancelled and schools are closed

We will only close schools when police and our transportation department indicate that the roads are unsafe for travel. We request that parents who drive their children ensure that schools are open with supervision prior to dropping children off in very poor weather.

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To: Parents/Guardians of Secondary Students

RE: EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING PROCEDURES

The emergency closing of a school is a rare occurrence; nevertheless, circumstances such as a heavy snowfall or an extended power failure can demand that such a decision be made. It is important that you are aware of the procedures, outlined below, should such an emergency closure become necessary.

1. The school district will provide information to the media when schools are being closed. There will **not** be media releases when schools are open and operating.
2. The following radio stations will be provided with closure details for immediate broadcast: CFX (1070 AM), CKKQ (The Q - 100.3 FM) and CBC Radio (90.5 FM).
3. If a school closure decision is made when school is in session, students will be permitted to leave school:
 - a) to go home;
 - b) to go to the home of a previously designated friend or neighbour;
 - c) in the company of a parent/guardian or person authorized by a parent/guardian; or
 - d) by another arrangement made previously with a parent/guardian.

Special arrangements will be made for students with special needs.

An early bus run will be organized if road conditions permit.

If such a school closure decision becomes necessary, your understanding, tolerance and cooperation will be most appreciated. If you have concerns regarding the above procedure, please call the principal of your child's school.

It is important for everyone to understand that a telephone call to each home in the event of such an emergency is not something that can be guaranteed given the number of students and the limited time available.

Yours truly,



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