**Community Announcement – October 25, 2024**

**Re: School Late Start & Cancellations Due to Winter Weather**

Dear Klickitat Families,

As we approach this winter season, please take note of how the school will consider and communicate any school day late start or cancellation due to winter weather.

Our transportation cooperative and local maintenance staff review weather reports to anticipate and plan for impact to the safe transportation of our students and their access to the school grounds in the face of ice, snow, and other weather-related conditions. As needed, coordination also occurs with state and county departments on their readiness and response in support of keeping local roads open and safe.

Our goal is to have the school open and on schedule as much as possible when appropriately safe for students and staff to be here. However, there may be days in which a late start or school cancellation may be needed.

**Communication –** To the extent possible, changes to the school day will be communicated the evening prior OR by 6:00 am on the day in question. The school will notify of changes via:

* School Website and Facebook page
* School automatic system phone call to student families
* [www.FlashAlert.net](http://www.FlashAlert.net); See Portland/Vancouver/Salem; Columbia Gorge Schools Page

**Late Start Schedule –** Late start gives more time for roads & grounds to be cleared and for school arrival during daylight hours. On late start days, school will start for all grades at 10:00 am and release at 3:15 pm **(Wednesdays will NOT be early release on late start days – release will be at 3:15 pm)**. On late start days, breakfast service is canceled. The regular lunch service will occur at 12:00 noon. Class period schedules will be posted at the school for students depending on their classroom and grade level.

**School Cancellation –** The school campus is closed. All school services and activities are canceled for the day; including those practices or events scheduled to occur after school. The 2024-25 school year calendar has April 25 and May 23 as scheduled make-up days, if needed, due to school cancellations occurring during the winter.

Please contact the school office with any questions at (509) 369-4145.

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