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Dear Norwin Parents & Guardians:

On behalf of Norwin School District, I am writing to share information to help families prepare for the cold weather that is forecast for the rest of this week and the remainder of the winter season, as follows:

- First, each decision regarding inclement weather is made on a case-by-case basis, and safety is the primary consideration in the decision. If parents remain concerned about the safety of their children after the District's decision is made, they are encouraged to use their own judgment and to request an excused absence for their child when necessary.
- Second, school delays or cancellations due to cold weather are based on weather forecasts which take into consideration temperatures, wind chill factors, and gusty winds. However, in some cases, the temperature does not increase significantly from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. when school delays may be announced. Recognizing that we want to be in school as much as possible for valuable instructional time, we try to avoid cancellations based on temperature alone.
- Third, all parents and guardians are encouraged to exercise caution with their children to avoid frostbite in such cases of severe cold weather. According to the Mayo Clinic, it is recommended that all students be dressed in several layers of loose, warm clothing rather than a single layer. Air trapped between the layers of clothing acts as insulation against the cold. Wear windproof and waterproof outer garments to protect against wind, snow and rain. Waterproof footwear is ideal against the elements. It is perfectly acceptable to bring an extra pair of shoes for indoor wear.

More information about this is posted on the Norwin School District Web site at www.norwinsd.org under "Parents and Community." The District values parent/guardian points of concern about the safety and welfare of children, and concerns are seriously considered when making decisions regarding school delays and cancellations.

Respectfully,

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