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Dear School Community,

As we enter the winter season, it becomes essential to address the possibility of inclement weather affecting our school operations. I want to take a moment to clarify our procedures for snow days, early dismissals, and 2-hour late arrivals. While we are fortunate to have dedicated forecasters providing valuable insights, it's crucial to acknowledge that weather predictions are not infallible. We rely on their expertise to make informed decisions regarding the safety of our students, staff, and families.

Snow Days: In the event of heavy snowfall or dangerous road conditions, we may declare a snow day. On these days, all in-person instruction and events will be canceled, ensuring the safety of everyone involved.

Early Dismissal: Unforeseen weather changes may prompt an early dismissal. This decision is made with the utmost consideration for the **safety** of our students and staff. Parents will be promptly notified, and arrangements for student pick-up or bus transportation will be communicated.

- PM Young Eagles will be closed.
- All after-school activities are canceled, including Alternative School at WDHS, unless otherwise notified.

2-Hour Late Arrival: A 2-hour late arrival may be implemented to allow for improved road conditions and safer travel. All school activities will begin two hours later than usual, and transportation schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

- All AM PK3 classes will be canceled.
- Young Eagles will follow a 2-hour delayed start time.

It is essential to recognize that weather conditions can be unpredictable, and our decision-making prioritizes safety above all else. We understand the impact these changes may have on your schedules, and we appreciate your flexibility and understanding. West Deptford School District will use School Messenger (email, texts, and phone message) to communicate all school decisions. Weather related closings/delays will also be posted on our district website. Your safety remains our top priority, and we appreciate your cooperation and support as we navigate the challenges of winter weather together.

Thank you for your understanding, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Gismondi". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Brian C. Gismondi
Superintendent of Schools