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BEAR VALLEY SCHOOLS
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**September 23, 2016****For Information Contact: Shelley Black
School District Office 909-866-4631****Criteria for Inclement Weather
Bear Valley Unified School District**

If there is a question as to whether a snow day or inclement weather day will be called or not, the Superintendent, Manager of Transportation, and Director of Maintenance and Operations begin checking weather reports and road conditions at 3:00 a.m. They actually drive the bus routes. If these routes are safe for buses to travel and if the school sites are cleared of snow and safe to occupy, school will remain in session. If these routes are not safe for buses to travel or we are unable to clear school sites of snow, the decision to call a snow day must be made by 5:00 a.m. Also taken into consideration is whether the buses will be able to travel the afternoon routes when school is dismissed.

Weather conditions sometimes result in bus runs taking longer to complete. When this happens, students at Big Bear High School and Big Bear Middle School may be dismissed 30 minutes early in order for buses to be on time to pick up students at Baldwin Lane Elementary, North Shore Elementary, and Big Bear Elementary Schools. If early dismissal is called, all enrichment/intervention programs will be cancelled.

Once the decision to cancel school is made at 5:00 a.m., a phone chain is activated. The principals change recordings at school sites, the District Office changes their snowline message, and a district wide dial out to parents, guardians, and staff will be activated. The Executive Assistant posts the school closure information on the following channels/stations:

School District Website www.bearvalleyusd.org
Grizzly
KBHR
Channel 7 News
Channel 4 News
Channel 2 & 9 News
Channel 5 News

Typically, the school sites and District Office phones will be busy with calls. We suggest you listen to the message on the district wide dial out and tune in to one or more of the above stations for information. We cannot control whether these stations will air the information provided; please view or listen to more than one of the above.

The information will be continually updated in order for the most current information to be available.

The ultimate decision to send a child to school rests with the parent. If you do not think it is safe for your individual child to attend school, it is your choice. Please note if school is in session and your child stays home, it will be counted as an unexcused absence. Parents, please see the attached information regarding school closures.

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The mission of the Bear Valley Unified School District is to educate, inspire, and prepare all students to be life-long learners and responsible global citizens.