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Dear RVSD Parents and Guardians,

As we continue through periods of changing and sometimes severe weather, I would like to inform you of our decision-making process and remind families of their rights and options regarding school attendance during these conditions.

Redbank Valley School District makes every effort to make informed decisions about school attendance that reflect our families' needs while prioritizing student safety. We recognize that each family's circumstances are different and may include challenges related to transportation, work schedules, childcare, or road conditions. Please also be mindful that, in some situations, our schools may be the warmest environment and the only place where children can get a warm meal. Although an alternate decision may be more accommodating for you, it may be detrimental to someone else.

Typically, when a weather event occurs, all Superintendents in Clarion County consult with one another to determine the appropriate course of action, as students from all districts attend the Clarion County Career Center. A delay is usually called if wind chills fall below -15. In these cases, schools open two hours later, allowing time for temperatures to rise with daylight. Regarding snow situations, I am in close communication with our bus company, PennDOT, and all township supervisors. They let me know the road conditions and whether they feel safe traveling on them. While the District carefully monitors weather forecasts and travel conditions when making decisions about school operations, parents and guardians ultimately have the right to determine whether it is safe for their child to travel to school. If you believe that weather conditions make travel unsafe for your child, you may choose to keep them home and use one of the ten parental excuse days permitted each school year.

We also value open and respectful communication. If you have concerns or suggestions you would like the administration to consider, we encourage you to contact your child's school directly to schedule a conversation. Direct communication helps us better understand your perspective and work collaboratively toward meaningful solutions. Concerns shared through informal channels, such as social media or word of mouth, are less likely to reach those who can address them effectively.

Thank you for your continued partnership, understanding, and commitment to the safety and well-being of our students. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Guidice
Superintendent
Redbank Valley School District