

## **Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools Closure and Delay Information**

The winter season is here and bad winter weather could delay school start times, cause us to switch to an ALL-Remote learning day or perhaps even close school. Worsening conditions may also necessitate an early release. We will alter the regular school schedule when necessary to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. We also consider how subfreezing temperatures will affect students walking or waiting for buses and how snow, ice, or freezing fog may affect motorists.

Many factors are taken into careful consideration when making the decision. District Transportation officials are in close contact with City and Adams County road crews to get updates on road conditions and snow removal progress. We also monitor National Weather Service forecasts to determine if conditions are expected to improve or worsen throughout the day.

**If there is a change in the regular school day, you can find that information in the following places:**

- School [Facebook](#) pages (Lind Elementary School, Ritzville Grade School, Lind-Ritzville Middle School, Lind-Ritzville High School, and Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools)
- Media - Watch and listen to local TV and radio stations

**Every effort is made to announce closures or delays by 6:00 AM.** If conditions change, after the decision is made to delay school, it is possible that the district may cancel on-campus learning and switch to an **ALL-Remote Learning** day or completely cancel school for the day. We will try to make a final decision by 8:30 AM, or shortly thereafter. If a change is made, an updated alert will be sent out as soon as possible.

***If you do not receive an automated message or see notices from district or official media outlets on delays or closures, schools are open and running on time.***

**If Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools are on a 2-Hour Delay**

- School buses will run on a 2-hour delay.
- Ritzville Grade School AM Preschool classes are canceled.
- Lind Elementary Preschool & Transitional Kindergarten classes will be on a 2-hour delay with regular schedule dismissal.
- Buildings will open at 10:15 AM and classes will begin at 10:30 AM.

### **School delays on Fridays?**

With the Friday, early release schedule, 8:30-2:00 PM, we may consider switching to Remote Learning depending on the timing of a delayed start. ALL-Remote Learning Plans can be found on the Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools website under “Related Links”.

### **Athletics, After-School Activities and Other School Events**

If school is closed for hazardous road-conditions, all out-of-district transportation, meetings, field trips, after-school activities, practices, and games will be canceled for the day unless otherwise announced. All evening meetings and events scheduled to take place in district facilities will also be canceled unless otherwise announced.

### **Releasing Students Early on Snow Days**

While we do everything possible to avoid sending students home before their scheduled dismissal time, weather and/or other factors can cause the District to “Early Release” students. In the event of an “Early Release” we will send out a Blackboard Alert message to all parent contact numbers. In addition, each school will attempt to notify parents prior to students being released.

### **Snow Make-Up Days**

The District does not make up delayed starts. In most, if not all cases, the ability to adjust to Remote Learning for all students means “school” will continue rather than be canceled. In the event that we are unable to offer remote learning (power outage, internet connectivity disruptions, or other reasons) we are required to make up any canceled days. Typically, “snow make-up” days are scheduled at the end of the school year.

### **Blackboard Alert Notifications**

The Blackboard Alert calls will show-up as “Ritzville School District” or 509-659-1660 on your caller ID. Please take the call or listen to your messages instead of calling the school back to see if we called you. In the event of an emergency, these call-backs tie up our phone lines unnecessarily and slow down communication.

Parent contact information, including work and cell phone numbers, should be kept up-to-date with the school office.

*Wishing everyone safe travels this winter!*

