

Dear parents,

With the possibility of winter weather right around the corner, we want to share some important new information about protocols for school closures and delays.

As always, the safety of students travelling to and from school is the ultimate factor in deciding whether to close schools or call a delayed start. Notice of school closures or delays will be posted as early as possible on local television stations, the district website and the district Facebook page. Additionally, an automated phone message will be sent to all CCSD households as soon as the decision has been made.

This year, we have adjusted the plan for delayed starts. **Elementary schools will be on a 60-minute delay, and middle and high schools will be on a 90-minute delay.** This will allow more time for temperatures to warm up and snow to melt before students head to bus stops and get on the road. It also allows more time for maintenance staff to clear sidewalks and parking lots, ensuring a safe arrival to school. Finally, the additional time for middle and high school buses should make it easier for those buses to run on schedule and get students to school at the designated time.

For more information about school closures and delays, visit <http://cherrycreekschools.org/pages/storminfo.aspx>.

Thank you.

The Cherry Creek School District