

### **Winter School Closure Guidelines**

Below please find the general guidelines in the event of school delay or closure due to hazardous weather that may threaten the health or safety of Mackay's students or staff members. The official weather site is Weatherbug.com, Mackay Joint SD 182.

- Decision will be made between 5:00 and 5:30 a.m. to either cancel or delay the start of school.
- Staff and students will be notified using the district's automated calling system.
- School will be canceled or delayed if the air temperature, or air temperature with wind chill (Weatherbug "feels like"), is **20 degrees below zero** or colder, or road conditions are such that it is not safe to transport students. Unsafe road conditions may also require the early release of students.
- If there is a delayed start, buses and the start of school will be delayed two hours and school will begin at 10:00 a.m.
- The following news stations will be notified: KIFI channel 8, KPVI channel 6, and KLCE 97.
- If school is closed or students are released early due to weather-related conditions, the ability to continue with scheduled district or community evening activities will be at the discretion of the principals and superintendent.

### **After School is in Session**

The Superintendent will notify the principal(s), clerk of the board, TV/Radio stations. The Clerk will notify the transportation director and the transportation director will notify the rest of the bus drivers. The administration will notify staff and the staff will notify parents. At the elementary each teacher will notify parents of their class. At the Junior/Senior High school class advisors will notify their students' parents. Teachers will ensure students second grade and under have a place to go if parents are not home. A relative or neighbor on the same bus route should be pre-arranged for in case of emergency closure. The school should know these pre-arrangements. The bus drivers will prepare the buses for departure.