



*Polson School District #23*  
*Inclement Weather and Emergency School Closures Information*

Dear Parents and Guardians of Polson Students,

As you know, student safety is always a paramount concern to the Polson Public Schools. In making decisions about delaying the starting time of schools or closing schools altogether due to severe conditions, student safety is a primary factor. When conditions threaten student safety, school start times may be delayed or schools may be closed until conditions improve.

Polson Public Schools will notify students and parents through the local media if severe weather or other circumstances require that:

- \* **Schools delay their starting time; or**
- \* **Schools are closed and cancelled for the day.**

During winter months, especially during possible severe weather conditions, Polson School District officials monitor road and bus route conditions and maintain contact with the Montana Department of Transportation as well as state, county and local law enforcement officials to gather up-to-date information about local road and bus route conditions. If severe weather threatens, roads and routes are checked beginning at 4:00 a.m. to ensure that students can be safely transported to school.

We will communicate any delays or closures through our automated calling system and local media outlets as soon as possible usually before 6:00 a.m. You may receive an automated call advising you of any changes, please listen to those calls or check your answering machine or voice mail. You can also check one of the radio or television stations listed below for information about school delays or closures:

KERR (750 AM)  
KQRK (92.3 FM)  
KIBG (100.7 FM)  
KPAX (local CBS television affiliate)  
KECI (local NBC television affiliate)

Please note: If you are informed that school buses are delayed or school is starting late due to severe weather, **please keep your child(ren) at home and supervised** until the buses arrive or until the time for school to begin. Remember, teachers and other staff may also have difficulty getting to school and may not be available to supervise students.

Thank you for your support and cooperation,

David Whitesell, Superintendent

