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Date: December 17, 2024  
To: Parents/Guardians  
From: Wayne Guiltner, Superintendent  
Re: School Cancellation Procedures

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Salem School District will use the School Messenger telephone announcement program to announce school cancellations and/or early dismissals. School cancellations due to inclement weather will be broadcast between 5:30 a.m and 6:00 a.m. If a decision regarding school cancellation is made after 6:00 a.m., the call will go out as soon as possible after the decision has been made to cancel school. If a decision regarding school cancellation is made in the evening, regarding the next school day, the message will be sent during the evening.

**Please help us keep our database up-to-date by notifying the elementary or high school office if your phone number changes.**

The School Messenger broadcast call is made as a service to Salem School District parents. Please do not depend solely on the call broadcast system for school cancellation announcements. Phone problems can occur during inclement weather and interfere with School Messenger announcements. This system is being used in addition to local radio, TV station, and social media announcements. Parents are encouraged to continue to monitor the radio, TV stations, and social media sites that are listed below.

Announcements will only be made to cancel school -- no announcement means school will be in session. As soon as a decision to cancel school is made, we will call the radio/TV stations and ask them to announce the cancellation. They usually get the message out as soon as they receive it.

Cancellation announcements will also be posted on the district website ([www.salemschools.net](http://www.salemschools.net)), Facebook Page (Search for Salem School District), and Twitter (@SalemSchools) as soon as possible.

Please do not attempt to call radio/TV stations or school officials. These calls will only tie up phone lines and cause delays in the announcements.

**Radio/TV Stations will be called in this order.**

KSAR (Salem)	92.3 FM	<a href="http://www.myhometownradiostations.com">www.myhometownradiostations.com</a>
K-Kountry 95 (Thayer)	95.1 FM	<a href="http://www.kkountry.com">www.kkountry.com</a>
KTLO (Mtn. Home)	97.9 FM	<a href="http://www.ktlo.com">www.ktlo.com</a>
KAIT/TV Channel 8 (Jonesboro)		<a href="http://www.kait8.com">www.kait8.com</a>
Springfield, MO – TV Channels 3, 10, 27, 33		
Salem Schools Website		<a href="http://www.salemschools.net">www.salemschools.net</a>

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Snow Route Information**

## Snow Route Information

Schools in Arkansas are no longer allowed to use AMI days during inclement weather, so there will be no AMI this year. In the past before we had AMI days, we had snow routes designated for when the highways were clear, but the dirt roads may have some snow still remaining on them. We will once again be designating the snow routes for when the highways are clear and the school parking lot is clear.

When there is a message released that we will be having school with snow routes, this will mean that the bus driver will pick up students on pavement and at certain designated gathering areas. Also, when the message released states that we will have school with snow routes, buses will run snow routes in the morning and afternoon. Each driver will let students know where their designated pickup location will be and what time they will pick up and drop off at those locations. Snow routes will be posted on the school website ([www.salemschools.net](http://www.salemschools.net)) under the For Parents link.

We will not use snow routes all of the time. Only when it is safe to drive school buses on cleared pavement and when the school parking lot is cleared and safe. Students who are not able to get to one of the designated pick up areas, will be excused from school during days we only travel snow routes and will be able to make up any missed assignments.

For more information regarding snow routes, contact Salem School District's transportation director Jason Howell.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Guiltner", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Wayne Guiltner  
Superintendent,  
Salem School District