Dear Cass School District 63 Families:

First, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving and break. I am thankful for the educational partnership we have with you in providing the best possible education services for your child(ren).

Second, with winter one month away, there is always a chance for a significant snow fall and/or for extremely cold temperatures in the near future. As always, we would like school to be in session as scheduled. However, our number one goal is the safety and security of all in our school community.

If for any reason when school is in session, you feel the weather elements are too challenging and possibly unsafe for your child(ren) to attend school on that day, please keep your child(ren) at home and call in to report the absence to the respective School Office. Your child(ren), upon return to school, will be afforded the right to complete all the curriculum that was missed. As their parent or guardian, you are in the best position to determine what is best for your child(ren) and as a school district, we will support and completely respect your decision.

In addition, if school is in session when the weather elements are very challenging, please always make sure your child(ren) is/are dressed appropriately and anticipate the possibility of our bus service running a little behind schedule depending on the severity of the weather. On days such as this, we will send out an email notification stating that our morning B.A.S.E. (before school care starting at 6:45 a.m.) at both Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School, will be available to all school families at no charge. This could allow some families the option of taking their child(ren) to school on their way to work, instead of having them wait at the bus stop during inclement weather. Please remember, B.A.S.E. is available at both of our schools, to all school families, every school day in the morning, starting at 6:45 a.m. and after school, until 6:00 p.m. for a very nominal hourly fee. More information may be found on the District website under Before and After School Experience (B.A.S.E.).

If school is closed, we will send out a phone and email communication notification to all school families as soon as a decision is made, which will be no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of the closing. We will also text and tweet out (https://Twitter.com/Cass63Tweets) closing information, as well as post this information on our website (www.CassD63.org). Finally, when school is closed it will be posted at the Emergency Closing Center (www.EmergencyClosingCenter.com).
Finally, please remember to be extra cautious when driving in our around our school facilities, especially during inclement weather.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and support with our emergency closing process to ensure the safety of all in our school community.

Sincerely,

**Kerry J. Foderaro**

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