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Dear Early Learners Academy Families,

To help your family plan ahead for weather-related emergencies this winter, here are the procedures Early Learners Academy will follow in the event of a school closing, early dismissal or cancellation of afternoon and evening services.

- **Full Day Closing**

If Bloomington Public Schools are closed all day due to severe weather or emergency situation, Early Learners Academy (ELA) will also be closed.

- **Early Dismissal**

In the event of an early dismissal (e.g. school is released prior to normal release time) all Youth and Family after-school programs will be canceled. This includes ELA, enrichment classes, Kids' SAFARI, etc. ELA staff will call to inform you of a time you must pick up your child.

- **Cancellation of All After-School Activities**

If the district cancels all afternoon programming, ELA will close at 3:00 p.m. Staff will call you to pick up your child immediately, or will notify your alternate emergency contact to pick up your child as soon as possible.

There may be times that some, but not all afterschool activities are canceled. In the event that ELA remains open on these days, staff will not contact you. The site will remain open until 6:00 p.m. as usual. Please plan accordingly to pick up your child by 6:00 p.m.

Closing Notification

Emergency closing information is available on WCCO Radio (830AM), metro TV stations (WCCO, KSTP, KARE, Fox 9, Bloomington Cable Channel 15 and on the Bloomington Public School social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.) sites and at www.bloomingtonschools.org Parents may also wish to check out KARE11.com to sign up for free School Alert Emergency emails. Fees for any school closing are not refundable.

These procedures are designed to protect the safety and well being of your children in case of bad weather. Your cooperation also ensures the safety of our staff in a weather emergency. If you have any questions, please contact the Youth and Family Office at 952-681-6125.

Sincerely,

Alex Locke
Program Manager