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Bad Weather Policy

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Bad Weather Bus Loading and Unloading Policy

We enjoy the luxury of having all of our buildings on one centralized campus. We also offer school bus transportation to 100% of our students. The trade-off is that our students are asked to walk to and from buses a short distance to and from their individual buildings - sometimes in bad weather.

Frequently, we are asked why we don't deliver/pickup at the front door of the buildings during bad weather. Changing the routine by having 50 buses deliver and pickup students at the buildings causes delay and confusion that compromises safety for others. For instance:

- Dropping in the AM at each building delays our double route buses by approximately 10 minutes, thereby stranding in bad weather approximately 650 students at their stops waiting for a late bus.

- Picking up at the buildings in the PM often times confuses the younger Studentís who then get on the wrong buses. This increases the risk of being dropped off at stops other than their own. This situation is much more of a safety concern than having them walk a few hundred yards in bad weather.

- 50 buses fighting their way through bad weather and traffic congestion around our buildings is difficult at best and unsafe at worst.

The only time we will drop off children at the building is when weather presents a legitimate safety concern. (The obvious exception is the daily drop at Prairie Heights because of traffic on 76th Avenue.)

As you can see, the decision not to use the "bad weather" procedure is based on true concerns and not "because we do not want to be bothered with it". If children are dressed appropriately to go to the bus pickup in the morning in bad weather, then they are dressed appropriately to walk from the bus to their building. We ask that parents help their children understand the importance of dressing appropriately for bad weather. Please do not make a decision of how your student is dressed based on any assumption that they will be delivered or picked up at their individual buildings.

Thanks for your cooperation!