



**Grafton School District**

## **SEVERE WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION**

**The primary factor used in determining whether or not to close school will always be student safety.**

### **How are parents/guardians informed about school closings?**

For school closing and delays, an email and SMS text will be sent (no phone calls). Local media and each school website will also have closings and delays posted. Announcements will be made only when school is canceled or dismissed early. No announcements are made when schools are following their normal schedules. If you have not updated your information in Family Access please do so immediately by following the directions found here:

<http://www.grafton.k12.wi.us/cms/one.aspx?portalId=1067477&pageId=2206424>

### **How much snow needs to fall for school to be cancelled?**

There is no hard and fast rule on the amount of snow needed in order for school to be closed. We will work with our bus company and our maintenance staff to determine if roads and our parking lots are safe for student travel before making a decision.

### **How cold does it need to be for school to be cancelled?**

If there is a wind chill **warning** (wind chills 35 below or colder with winds at least 4 mph for 3 hours or more), we would consider closing. When temperatures are that cold, students who are waiting at a bus stop or walking to school are in danger of frostbite.

### **What process do we follow to make a decision?**

We monitor weather conditions the day before severe weather is predicted. If there is a forecasted storm or weather emergency, area superintendents connect the previous night to discuss. If weather conditions worsen beyond what was predicted the superintendent will be in contact with area superintendents and our bus company officials by 4:30 a.m. in order to have a decision by 5:30 a.m. We will always try and communicate any school closings as early as possible. **When school is closed or dismissed early due to weather, all school-sponsored activities are also canceled.** If an emergency is caused by a factor other than weather, school-sponsored activities may be conducted depending on safety conditions.

Please contact Superintendent Jeff Nelson or your school principal with any questions.