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Dear HSE Community,

Winter weather appears to be settling into the Hamilton County area just before Winter Break 2016. As temperatures and conditions are prone to fluctuate, we encourage families to review their weather plans.

The leadership team at Hamilton Southeastern Schools is doing the same and will examine a combination of factors when considering a delay or closure on inclement weather days. It is not an easy decision. We not only weigh the effect of the temperature on students walking to and standing at bus stops, but we must also think about the predicted snowfall, ice, rain, wind and wind chill etc... Cold temperature and winds can also impact bus engine starts and cause possible delays that can leave students standing longer and in some cases without access to vital school resources. Therefore, we consider each weather situation separately, monitor reports and consult with our transportation department before making a decision.

Hamilton Southeastern Schools is committed to the safety and well-being of all students and endeavors to make decisions regarding delays and closures as early as possible. Please stay tuned to the following sources for the latest weather-related school news:

HSE Skylert

In the event of a delay or cancellation, all families will receive an automated message from HSE Transportation Director Jim White via our *Skylert* system. The message will arrive by both a phone call and an e-mail. Parents also may opt to receive a text alert through Skyward/Family Access. To login, please click on the following link: <https://sis.hse.k12.in.us/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsEPlus/seplog01.w>

HSE Social Media

Social media has become our fastest way of sharing school news. Weather-related school updates are available on the HSE *Twitter* feed and Facebook page. Students, families and residents are encouraged to join our more than 10,000+ "followers" at <https://twitter.com/HSESchools> and join our Facebook family at www.facebook.com/HSESchools. Not on *Twitter* or *FB*? Access both directly from the HSE website at www.hse.k12.in.us.

Local Media Outlets

Television and radio stations remain a traditional way to share school weather announcements. HSE posts school delays and closures to the following media outlets:

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| ➤ WQME – 98.7 FM | ➤ WISH-TV 8 |
| ➤ WHBU-WERK-MAX, WLBC – 104.1 FM | ➤ WXIN (Fox 59 & CW 4) |
| ➤ WEDJ – 107.1 FM Radio Latina | ➤ WRTV (6) |
| ➤ WIBC – 93.1 FM | ➤ WTHR (13) |
| ➤ WSYW – 810 AM | |

Weather in Indiana varies and is often unpredictable. Thank you for including this information as part of your weather contingency plans.

Sincerely,

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