March 5, 2019

Dear Jeffco Public Schools families and staff,

The end of winter is nearing. However, as Colorado residents, we know that this does not necessarily mean an end to winter weather. In cases of inclement weather, it is unusual for our schools to close and we have not used a district late start policy in the past. This winter has been particularly snowy and cold, which has prompted us to reconsider a late start option. After careful thought and consideration regarding the impact to schools, families and district operations, we have decided to implement a 2-Hour Delay Schedule when the weather situation indicates it is necessary.

When considering how we utilize this new delay schedule, we will continue to rely on many data sources to inform our decision. These include CDOT and Jeffco County Road & Bridge Department, Skyview Weather Service and other real-time forecast services, first-hand road inspections by staff and community volunteers living in our neighborhoods, forecasts for later in the day, and input from Jeffco Transportation Services. We will make our decision by 4:45 a.m. in order to accommodate school bus dispatch, food services deliveries, site crews, and substitute teacher arrangements. We will publicly announce a 2-hour delay and notify families by 5:30 a.m.

The safety and security of our students and staff is always our top priority, and we hope this new policy will help keep everyone safe on the roads while also keeping our schools open. Remember that you have the ultimate responsibility for the safety and well-being of yourself and your children. Parents can always decide not to send their children to school on a snowy day if they feel it is unsafe.

The attached flyer will summarize what happens at your school if a 2-hour delay is announced. Please review the information and if you have additional questions, please contact your school office.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Jason Glass
Superintendent & Chief Learner
Jeffco Public Schools