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Dear Seaside School District Families,

Storms are a part of our life every year on the beautiful North Oregon coast, and most of the time we are all able to go about our daily activities as usual. However, occasionally a storm does impact us in a more significant way and families often have questions regarding how we respond to storms and our process of decision making for school closures. We ask two questions in those situations.

- Are we able to safely transport our students to and from school?
- Are our facilities operating a level that is a safe environment for our students?

Even in a significant storm, the answer to these questions is usually "yes." If the answer to either question is "no" then we may need to either delay or close school.

Our maintenance and transportation supervisors evaluate the situation very early in the morning. This includes checking on the status of the school buildings, and driving on the bus routes most likely to be impacted by the weather. We also communicate with our local authorities to see if they have additional information. The decision to close or delay school is usually made by 6:00 am. Changes in conditions can be unpredictable, so when faced with a difficult call, we will always error on the side of the safety of our students and staff. If an event occurs after students have arrived at school, we follow a similar process, but we have very rarely needed to have mid-day closures.

School closure or delay decisions are shared through our electronic parent communication system. Please be sure to notify school anytime your contact information changes. In addition, closure information is posted to the home page of our website <a href="https://www.seaside.k12.or.us">www.seaside.k12.or.us</a> and shared with television stations including; KATU, KGW, KOIN, and KPTV.

Student drivers are always welcome to ride the school bus rather than drive on days when the weather is a challenge. School bus routes are available on our website under the Transportation link on the left side of the home page.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. Student safety is very important to all of us.

Sincerely,

Sheila Roley, Ed.D. Superintendent