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## EARLY DISMISSAL INFORMATION

### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!

Dear Parents:

As you know from the past few years, school is sometimes canceled due to South Dakota's weather. These cancellations can take the form of closing school entirely for the day, starting school later than usual, or ending the school day earlier than usual.

In all three of these cases, we announce changes in the school day over KORN, KQRN, KMIT, KOOL 98 radio stations and KELOLAND Closeline. Additionally, *The Daily Republic* will again be offering weather closing alerts. To receive such alerts from *The Daily Republic*, go to [www.mitchellrepublic.com](http://www.mitchellrepublic.com) and look for the "Alerts" sign up options to receive cell phone or email alerts. Announcements are made as early as possible.

Early dismissals can be a difficult change for everyone due to the fact that the students are already in school. So that we can be sure to follow your wishes in case of an early dismissal, please fill out the Emergency Early Dismissal form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michelle Ommen  
Principal

## **Emergency Rural Bus Service**

If we have an extended period of heavy snowfall and/or blowing snow and only the main roads are open, we may have to operate “Emergency Rural Bus Service.” Parents will be asked to bring their child to the main highway nearest their home so that the school bus can pick up the student and transport him to school. As soon as the side roads are open, we will resume regular rural bus service. This will be announced on the radio and television stations. We will work to keep the use of “Emergency Bus Service” to a minimum.

### **Rural Bus Emergency Routes:**

#### **North and South Roads –**

- 1) Highway # 37
- 2) Betts Road
- 3) Red Arrow Road
- 4) County Road #16 (Old Highway #37)
- 5) County Road #15 (South of the Ramada )
- 6) North Foster
- 7) Hanson County Road #01 (Blacktop past Shanard Feed)

#### **East and West Roads –**

- 1) Highway #16
- 2) Loomis/Plano Road
- 3) Cemetery Road
- 4) Skyline Drive

#### **Parental Decision**

If a parent believes that it is unsafe for his child to go to school because of weather conditions, a note or telephone call to the school office will excuse the student’s absence that day.

## EMERGENCY EARLY DISMISSAL

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Rides bus \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Dear Parent or Guardian,

School can be affected by weather related emergencies any time during the year. Please read very carefully and check the correct line. If you are at home during the day or have access to media announcements at your place of employment, we **will not** notify you by phone.

### CHECK ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AND SIGN IN THE APPROPRIATE SPACE:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Dismiss my child in the usual manner:**  
**(You will not be notified)**

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Keep my child at school until I have been notified.**

I can be reached at this phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business if this is your work number: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Information (example: work schedule, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

OPERATION BLIZZARD

If weather conditions are too severe to send rural children home on buses, an announcement will be made on radio and television that "**Operation Blizzard**" will go into effect.

Operation Blizzard means that alternate homes will be used where rural children can stay until storm conditions subside. These homes are referred to as "new home" below.

Please complete the following form and return to the school as soon as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.  
Michelle Ommen  
Principal

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Bus Student's Name and Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Operation Blizzard: New Home Name \_\_\_\_\_  
( Home student(s) would go to )

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_