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TO: Parents and Students of Bethany Charter, Central Howell, Community Roots Charter, Evergreen, Mark Twain Elementary, Pratum, Robert Frost, Silverton Middle, and Silverton High

FROM: Andy Bellando, Superintendent

In the event bad weather disrupts school bus traffic in the mornings, one of four ways of dealing with the condition will be released to area radio and television stations in time for broadcasts beginning at 5:30 a.m. *In addition, the school district superintendent or school principal will make an automated telephone call.* You can also check the School District's website: www.silverfallsschools.org

- 1. School closed.**
- 2. Two-hour delay.** All buses will run regular routes two hours late.
- 3. Snow routes only; NO delay.** Buses will run as close to schedule as possible. (Bethany Charter, Central Howell, Community Roots Charter, Evergreen, and Pratum areas have no snow routes.) ***If the snow routes occur in the A.M., buses will remain on snow routes for the P.M.***

Snow routes traditionally occur only in attendance areas at higher elevations (Butte Creek, Scotts Mills, Silver Crest and Victor Point areas). When buses are on snow routes, all communication will specify which routes have no service. **IT IS CRITICAL FOR PARENTS TO KNOW THE NUMBER OF THEIR CHILD'S BUS ROUTE(S).** See second page of this memo for all bus route numbers in your area.

Students with driver's licenses and parents are encouraged to be extra cautious when driving in bad weather, especially when driving on days of a delayed school opening or when buses are on snow routes. There may be ice or even snow on the roads when these occur. Parents are reminded that they make the final decision about whether it is safe for their child to attend school on bad weather days. When a child cannot attend school due to bad weather, it will be considered an excused absence.

The following buses will pick up and drop off at the stated times and places:

Route #5 P.M. – 4:10 p.m. Silver Falls Hwy. at Porter Rd.
4:25 p.m. Drakes Crossing Fire Department

Route #9 A.M. – No service beyond the intersection of South Abiqua Road and North Abiqua Road. Any students beyond this point should meet the bus at South Abiqua Road and Abiqua Dam Road. Otherwise the route will run as usual.

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- Route #12 A.M. – 6:40 a.m. Silver Falls Hwy. at DeSantis Lane
6:43 a.m. Silver Falls Hwy. at Winters Hill Rd.
6:46 a.m. Drakes Crossing Fire Station
6:51 a.m. Silver Falls Hwy. at Loar Rd.
6:53 a.m. Silver Falls Hwy. at Shetland Rd.
6:56 a.m. Silver Falls Hwy. at Porter Rd.
- Route #12 P.M. – 3:45 p.m. Silver Falls Hwy. at Seminole
3:50 p.m. Silver Falls Hwy. at Porter Rd.
4:00 p.m. Silver Falls Hwy. at Loar Rd.
4:05 p.m. Silver Falls Hwy. at Winters Hill Rd.
4:10 p.m. Silver Falls Hwy. at DeSantis Lane
- Route #13 A.M. – 6:00 a.m. Silver Falls Hwy. at Drift Creek Rd.
6:02 a.m. Fox Rd. at Drift Creek Rd.
- Route #16 A.M. – 6:47 a.m. Butte Creek Rd. & Maple Grove Road (*A.M. only – Silverton High*)
6:50 a.m. Scotts Mills Fire Station
- Route #17 A.M. – 6:35 a.m. Crooked Finger Rd. at Hazelnut Ridge
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- Route #17 P.M. – 3:35 p.m. Scotts Mills Fire Station
3:40 p.m. Crooked Finger at Hazelnut Ridge Road
- Route #19 A.M. – 6:35 a.m. North Abiqua Rd. at Briar Knob
6:45 a.m. North Abiqua Rd. at McKillop
- Route #19 P.M. – 3:15 p.m. Hines and Scotts Mills/Mt. Angel Hwy.
3:50 p.m. Crooked Finger Rd. at McKillop
- Route #20 A.M. – 6:45 a.m. Highway 213 at Rosewood Way
- Route #20 P.M. – 4:10 p.m. Highway 213 at Rosewood Way
- Route #21 A.M. – 6:40 a.m. Butte Creek Rd. at Maple Grove Rd.
6:50 a.m. Nowlens Bridge Rd. at Cemetery Rd.
- Route #21 P.M. – 4:00 p.m. Nowlens Bridge Rd. and Cemetery Rd.
4:15 p.m. Wildcat and Blair Rd.

4. Two-hour delay AND buses on snow routes. Buses will run two hours late on the snow routes as listed above.

Bus routes and stops during poor road conditions ultimately will be determined by the bus driver. In those cases where afternoon bus routes cannot be completed, children will be taken to their school and parents will be called. A driver may determine that a morning bus is unable to service some roads.

Please advise your children not to wait more than 20 minutes beyond the designated pick-up time for their bus – They should return to their homes.

If the roads look bad or if there has been ice or snow, listen to the radio or television or visit the school district website for possible closure or delays.

pc: John Crain, Durham Transportation Services; Board Members; Administrators