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Williamston Community Schools has revised the rationale for weather-related school cancellation this year. This change comes from our capability to provide remote instruction and increased flexibility for instruction provided by the state.

Effective immediately, the district will transition to remote learning when inclement weather precludes the safe operation of school buses or creates an unacceptable risk for teenage drivers (instances commonly referred to as “snow days”). The timeline for making an announcement will be identical to school cancellation decisions in previous years. We strive to have a decision made no later than 6:00 am.

Transition to remote learning on inclement weather days will be announced via SchoolMessenger. The information will be broadcast district-wide even if any buildings are already closed to regular in-person instruction. Please note that a similar timeline and process could be used if a school or the entire district is impacted by Covid-19. In a Covid related scenario, transition announcements may occur with short notice when circumstances affect the time we have to respond and communicate.

Short notice transitions to remote learning will vary by building. Details for instruction will be provided in follow-up communications from building administrators. This information will highlight instructional expectations, the availability of support services, and any requisite logistical arrangements.

Instruction of any kind may still be canceled on certain days this year due to a variety of factors. Reasons may include, but are not limited to, a wide-spread power or Internet outage, a weather-related state of emergency, or other “force majeure” scenarios. Announcements for these situations will also be communicated via SchoolMessenger.

School status announcements will be more nuanced this year, it will be important to read or listen to the messages in their entirety.

We hope to maximize educational opportunities on inclement weather days. Thus, Williamston Community Schools can maintain instructional continuity and appropriately cover the required curriculum for every class/grade level during this exceptionally unique academic year.