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Chicago Public Schools Cancels Classes for Tomorrow, Friday, February 9

Large Snow Accumulation Forecast Presents Hazard During Potential Trip to School

CHICAGO – Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is cancelling classes scheduled for tomorrow due to a forecast of rapid snow accumulation expected overnight and into tomorrow morning, which could present a hazard to children traveling to and from school.

“Student safety comes first, and the forecasted snow could be dangerous to students during their commutes,” said CPS CEO Dr. Janice K. Jackson. “Due to the extent and timing of the snowfall, it is in the best interest of our students’ health and safety to cancel classes tomorrow.”

While the district is strongly encouraging students to stay home for their safety, CPS buildings will remain open and accept students who still arrive at schools. CPS administrative staff, building engineers and custodians will report to work tomorrow.

The District is notifying parents of the closure through its regular communication channels via robocalls, emails, social media platforms and through media outlets. Parents can also call (773) 553-1000 or visit the CPS website for more information. All after-school events, field trips and sporting activities are also cancelled.

For families seeking alternative youth programs and services, the Chicago Public Library and all Chicago Park District facilities will be open during their normal operating hours. These times vary, and families are encouraged to check hours on their respective websites or by calling the specific library or park.

Snow removal plans are in place at each school to clear sidewalks, walkways and parking lots. These plans will go into effect overnight, and CPS expects snow to be cleared in time for classes to resume on Monday, February 12.

Due to the cancellation, CPS intends to add an additional instructional day to the end of the school year to ensure students receive the full 178 instructional days on the district’s calendar. The calendar update must be approved by the Board of Education and would move the final instructional day of the school year to June 19.

Chicago Public Schools serves 371,000 students in 646 schools. It is the nation’s third-largest school district.

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