

# **POCATELLO/CHUBBUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT EMERGENCY**

## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFORMATION**

Student and staff safety is the highest priority in the Pocatello/Chubbuck School District. In an emergency school officials must respond quickly to provide the safest possible conditions for students. Depending on the situation, school officials may make the decision to close schools or a specific school, delay the start time of schools or a specific school or implement a school lock down or evacuation.

Schools prepare for emergencies by having emergency response plans, collaborating with local emergency responders and by conducting emergency drills at schools.

Parents can help by discussing the need to respond appropriately in drills or in emergency situations with their children.

In the event of a lockdown or evacuation of a school, implementation of the mass notification system will be at the complete discretion of the District. In some cases when a situation does not compromise the safety of students, is quickly resolved, and the regular school day continues; the District may not implement a mass notification. Once a mass notification has been implemented the District will update parents as necessary until the situation is resolved.

### **How parents and guardians can help**

School personnel must act quickly to secure schools, ensure the safety of students and staff and communicate as quickly as possible. Parents should:

- Keep contact information up to date at all times
- Talk to children about school safety drills and emergency procedures

### **What parents should do during a school emergency**

- Please do not call the school during an emergency – staff will be busy protecting your children and dealing with the emergency
- Check your cell phone or emails for emergency messages – messages will be brief and as more information is available updated messages will be sent
- Watch or listen to local TV and Radio stations

### **SCHOOL CLOSURE OR DELAYED START GUIDELINES**

Student and staff safety is always the highest priority in building the framework for school closure and delayed start guidelines. The decision to close or to delay the start time of schools is made no later than 6:00 a.m. When a late start is implemented, each school will start two hours later than their normal start time. All bus schedules will be delayed by two hours.

School closures or delayed start times will be announced by 6:30 a.m. The only time the announcement will be made later is in the instance of developing information that could impact

safety such as impending severe weather conditions, power outages and similar unforeseen events.

Parents and guardians will be notified of the closure or late start via the District's mass notification system. It will also be announce by local television and radio stations. The District's Website and phone message will also provide information about the closure or late start.