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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! We were certainly excited to welcome your children back today to start their second semester of the school year. Our teachers and staff know how important it is to get students off to a great start this time of year. We ask you to encourage your children to use this time to get on-track for a successful conclusion to the year. The effort they put in now will pay big dividends come May.

As you may be aware, forecasters are predicting the potential of inclement weather for later in the week. Please be sure to monitor our district website for updates at www.forsyth.k12.ga.us. Whenever a situation occurs that requires us to cancel in-person school, questions arise about how district officials arrive at that decision, as well as the timing of communication. Let me share a little about our decision-making process.

As with everything we do, the SAFETY of our students and staff are always the #1 priority. Right along with that, we believe that holding in-person school is extremely important. For some of you, it may seem “extra” safe to cancel school at the mere prediction of bad weather. However, because we value the in-person school experience—and because we know so many of you need to be at work—we analyze the forecasts and monitor the roads late into the night to be sure that we do not call off school unnecessarily. A final decision based on the best information we have will be announced no later than 5:00 AM on the day of school. If conditions warrant, we will try to do so even sooner.

If in-person school is cancelled, an online learning day will take place. Additionally, all after-school activities for that day will also be cancelled automatically, except in very rare cases. We will follow the same process for the days that follow. You may use the following link for more details about inclement weather days and Forsyth County Schools: [FCS Inclement Weather](#)

As we enter 2025, we look forward to partnering with you to provide a *Safe, Connected, and Thriving* experience to each of our 54,000+ students.

Sincerely,

Mitch Young