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Dear MCS Families,

The fourth quarter is off to a great start, and we look forward to a strong finish to the 2021-2022 school year. Unfortunately, rough weather has made a habit of disrupting our normal school schedule for the last three weeks. Compounding the disruption this week, our all-call service provider experienced glitches that caused messages to be sent out late or not at all to some families. Our technology team is working with the system provider to resolve these issues, and we apologize for any frustration and confusion this call disruption caused. We encourage you to check multiple sources for alerts when bad weather is forecast. MCS always utilizes numerous communication channels to spread the word, including our website, social media, the MCS application, press releases to local news, and more.

While we are all tired of this bad weather, it is our responsibility to respond by listening to MEMA experts and erring on the side of safety for students and staff. I know that changing drop-off or pick-up schedules or transitioning to distance learning can be a real inconvenience, and we do not take these decisions lightly. There are numerous factors involved, such as the danger of buses operating in high winds. The area we serve in Madison County is 40 miles wide and 40 miles long, including hundreds of roads, bridges, and possible hazards to consider when it comes to families getting to school in bad weather.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together for the well-being of our MCS family.

Sincerely,

Charlotte A. Seals
Superintendent
Madison County Schools