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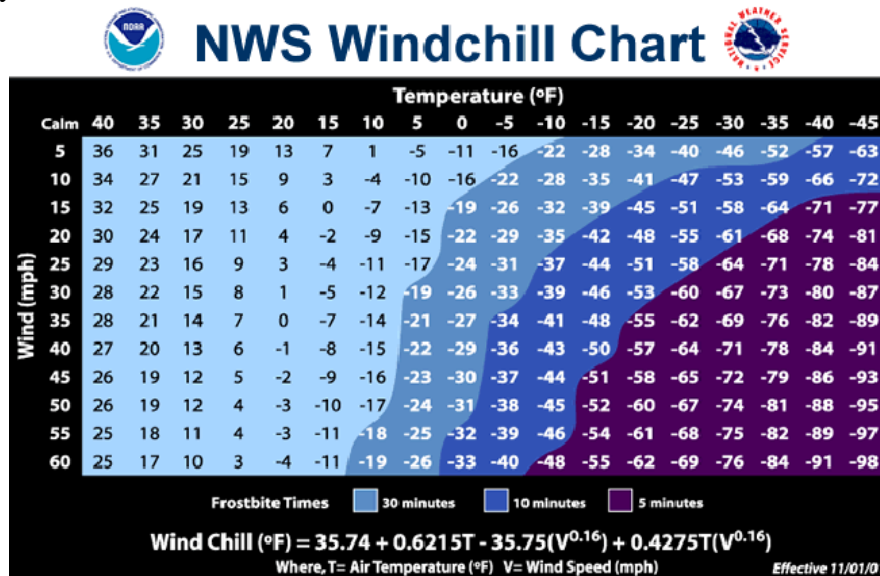
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Dear Parents:

These past few days have proven that winter weather and decisions about school cancellations are never easy. As I have stated previously, I often must weigh multiple factors when making these decisions including road conditions, predicted snowfall, and the temperature.

This week has been particularly challenging because of the cold weather. The primary factor that I consider in these situations is the predicted wind chill during the morning commute to school (from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.). I use the National Weather Service Central Illinois Site at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/ilx/> to obtain an hourly forecast and if the predicted wind chill will exceed -20 during that period, school will likely be cancelled. Whenever possible, I will make the decision prior to 9:00 p.m. the evening before the predicted wind chill and resulting cancellation. This enables parents to make necessary arrangements.

These are never easy decisions, but ones that I take very seriously and always consider the safety of our students as our top priority.



Sincerely,

Gregory W. Fuerstenau, Superintendent

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The MISSION of Taylorville Community Unit School District #3 is to have each student acquire knowledge, skills, and values for life-long learning in a changing world through the cooperative efforts of a caring staff, an involved family, and a supportive community.