Dear Parents:

Although specific emergencies may cause a particular school to be closed at any time of the year, the winter months always provide us with decisions to be made based on snow or extreme cold. Accompanying this letter is information regarding what radio and TV stations to listen to should you suspect a possible school closing.

I would, however, like to take this time to explain the philosophy we use to make those critical decisions, so you are better able to plan your winter schedule. In general, our philosophy is to KEEP OUR SCHOOLS OPEN! We know how much you depend on us, and how difficult it is for you to rearrange your day anytime school is not in session. Likewise, if school is in session and a large storm is headed our way, we will do everything in our power to dismiss at the normal time. The last thing we want to do is dismiss children early, without your knowledge.

With that in mind, we do recognize that we very well may be open on "questionable" days, and we want to encourage you to make the decision that is best for your family. If, for any reason, you feel that it is not safe for your child to attend school, please keep him/her at home and call the school to report the absence.

Now, with all that said, I hope you will join with me in hoping for a mild winter; one with just enough snow to "make it seasonal," and just cold enough to remind us of where we live!!

Sincerely,

Ellen L. Correll,
Superintendent of Schools

The mission of School District 46 is to pursue excellence to shape the future.