

**December 7, 2016**

**Santa Fe R-X Patrons-**

With winter upon us, I would like to make you aware of our school closing procedures.

If inclement weather requires the closing of school, it will be announced on KMMO radio (FM 102.9), KCTV 5 television station in Kansas City and our Chief Alert (make sure you have signed up to receive texts or e-mails).

New this year, we have implemented late starts. Should we implement the late start; all schools will start 2 hours late. Elementary will start at 10:00, and the High School will start at 10:15. All bus routes will run 2 hours later, so if your child normally gets picked up at 7:15 a.m., they will be picked up at 9:15 a.m. (Everything is moved back 2 hours). Our dismissal times will be the same. Elementary will still dismiss at 3:00 and the high school will dismiss at 3:15.

The purpose of the late start schedule is to maximize student contact hours prior to state testing in the spring, rather than adding make-up days to the end of the year in May. These days are minimally productive and often result in poor attendance.

**Respectfully,**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Derek Lark', written in a cursive style.

**Derek Lark**  
**Superintendent, Santa Fe R-X School District**