

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As spring approaches, we want to take this time to review Moore Public Schools (MPS) safety procedures and weather plans.

Any time there is a risk of severe tornadic weather, we will follow our District Tornado Sheltering Plan as follows:

Once students are in school, if a severe weather watch or warning is issued, parents have the option of picking up/checking out their student and receiving an excused absence. **If someone other than the parent/guardian is checking out a student, ensure your child's school has the correct non-parent emergency contact information on file.**

As a reminder, thanks to our MPS Patrons and community who supported the 2015 bond issue, 34 schools have access to a storm shelter.

We are in the process of building a new storm shelter at Kelley Elementary. We have an interim plan for the students and staff at Kelley.

Students at each school will follow tornado safety guidelines. All schools practice fire drills, intruder drills, and tornado drills throughout the year in accordance with state law.

Busses will be held at schools or the nearest safe location when immediate severe weather is expected. If the severe weather is unexpected and a bus is in route, the bus will seek safety at the nearest school.

In addition, the following information is provided relative to safety precautions:

- Each school has a crisis intervention team and a written crisis plan that outlines procedures regarding safety concerns/intruders, severe weather/tornado, gas leaks, fire, etc.
- The Office of the Superintendent, the Office of Safety and Security, and other district officials will be in direct contact with the National Weather Service (NWS) in Norman when severe weather is anticipated. This occurs through a live feed between NWS and MPS Administration. The live feed also allows for real-time questions and answers about storm fronts, weather alerts, and overall questions relative to the weather. The administration utilizes the districtwide emergency radio system to immediately communicate with school principals and departments, individually and/or simultaneously.

I hope the above information has answered many of your questions. However, if you have additional questions, please get in touch with your child's principal or contact me at (405) 735-4249.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert Romines
Superintendent