TO: Parents and Students of Bethany Charter, Central Howell, Community Roots Charter, Evergreen, Mark Twain Elementary, Pratum, Robert Frost, Silverton Middle, and Silverton High

FROM: Paul Peterson, Interim Superintendent

In the event bad weather disrupts school bus traffic in the mornings, one of four ways of dealing with the condition will be released to area radio and television stations in time for broadcasts beginning at 5:30 a.m. In addition, the school district superintendent or school principal will make an automated telephone call. You can also check the School District’s website: www.silverfallsschools.org

1. **School closed.** All buses will run regular routes two hours late.

2. **Two-hour delay.** Buses will run as close to schedule as possible. (Bethany Charter, Butte Creek, Central Howell, Community Roots Charter, Evergreen, and Pratum areas have no snow routes.) If the snow routes occur in the A.M., buses will remain on snow routes for the P.M.

   Snow routes traditionally occur only in attendance areas at higher elevations (Butte Creek, Scotts Mills, Silver Crest and Victor Point areas). When buses are on snow routes, all communication will specify which routes have no service. **IT IS CRITICAL FOR PARENTS TO KNOW THE NUMBER OF THEIR CHILD’S BUS ROUTE(S).** See second page of this memo for all bus route numbers in your area.

Students with driver’s licenses and parents are encouraged to be extra cautious when driving in bad weather, especially when driving on days of a delayed school opening or when buses are on snow routes. There may be ice or even snow on the roads when these occur. Parents are reminded that they make the final decision about whether it is safe for their child to attend school on bad weather days. When a child cannot attend school due to bad weather, it will be considered an excused absence.

The following buses will pick up and drop off at the stated times and places:

**Route #1 A.M.**

- 6:30 a.m. 171 Silver Falls Dr
- 6:35 a.m. Drakes Crossing Fire Station (upper Powers Creek Loop)
- 6:40 a.m. Silver Falls Dr. @ Shetland Rd.
- 6:48 a.m. Silver Falls Dr. @ Porter Rd
- 6:58 a.m. Silver Falls Dr. @ Jackson LN

*No service on Powers Creek Loop, Bridge Creek Rd., Grade Rd., or Timber Trail Rd.*

**Route #1 P.M.**

- 3:31 p.m. Silver Falls Dr @ Jackson LN
- 3:35 p.m. Silver Falls Dr @ Leikem CIR
- 3:35 p.m. 3719 Silver Falls Dr.
- 3:45 p.m. 171 Silver Falls Dr.
- 3:47 p.m. Drakes Crossing Fire Station (upper Powers Creek Loop)
- 3:50 p.m. 19366 Drakes RD
- 3:53 p.m. Silver Falls Dr @ Shetland Rd
- 4:10 p.m. Silver Falls Dr @ Porter RD

*No service on Powers Creek Loop, Bridge Creek Rd., Grade Rd., or Timber Trail Rd.*

**Route #5 A.M.**

- 6:53 a.m. N. Abiqua RD & Briar Knob Loop
- 6:58 a.m. N. Abiqua RD & McKillop RD

No service beyond the intersection of N Abiqua RD & Briar Knob Loop

**Route #5 P.M.**

- 4:09 p.m. *N. Abiqua Road & Briar Knob Loop*
- 4:14 p.m. *N. Abiqua RD & McKillop RD*

No service beyond the intersection of N Abiqua Rd & Briar Knob Loop
Route #16 A.M. – 6:35 a.m. Victor Point Rd & Finlay Rd
No service on Silver Falls Huy., Frazer Rd., Silver Ridge Rd., Lorence Rd., Fox Rd. or Riches Rd. Students along Drift Creek Rd. will be picked up at their normal stops.

Route #7 A.M.  6:46 a.m. Drift Creek RD & Fox RD
6:56 a.m. Drift Creek RD & Silver Falls Hwy
7:04 a.m. Drift Creek RD & Frazer RD
No service on Silver Falls Hwy., Frazer Rd., Silver Ridge Rd., Lorence Rd., Fox Rd. or Riches Rd. Students along Drift Creek Rd. will be picked up at their normal stops.

Route #7 P.M. – 3:48 p.m. Drift Creek RD & Fox RD
4:06 p.m. Drift Creek RD & Silver Falls Hwy
4:16 p.m. Drift Creek RD & Frazer RD
No service on Silver Falls Hwy., Frazer Rd., Silver Ridge Rd., Lorence Rd., Fox Rd. or Riches RD Students along Drift Creek Rd. will be dropped off at their normal stops.

Route #9 P.M. – 4:09 p.m. Victor Point Rd & Finlay Rd
No service on Silver Falls Hwy., Frazer Rd., Silver Ridge Rd., Lorence Rd., Fox Rd. or Riches RD Students along Drift Creek Rd. will be dropped off at their normal stops.

Route #4 A.M. – 6:49 a.m. Hazelnut Ridge @ Peakssview RD
6:52 a.m. Hazelnut Ridge @ Crooked Finger RD
6:59 a.m. Scotts Mills Fire Station
No service on Hazelnut Ridge Rd., Maple Grove Rd., McKillop Rd., or Peaks View Rd.

Route #4 P.M. – 3:37 p.m. Scotts Mills Fire Station
3:42 a.m. Hazelnut Ridge RD @ Peaks View RD
3:47 p.m. Hazelnut Ridge RD @ Crooked Finger RD
No service on Hazelnut Ridge Rd., Maple Grove Rd., McKillop Rd., or Peaks View Rd.

Route #3 A.M. – 4:18 p.m. Wildcat Rd. at Blair Rd.
4:31 p.m. Nowlens Bridge Rd. at Cemetery Rd.
No service on S. Butte Creek Rd., Maple Grove Rd. (past S. Butte Creek Rd.), Groshong Rd., Blair Rd., Bird Rd., or Wilhoit Rd. Students on Nowlens Bridge Rd. and Wildcat Rd. will be picked up at their normal stops.

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4. Two-hour delay AND buses on snow routes. Buses will run two hours late on the snow routes as listed above.

Bus routes and stops during poor road conditions ultimately will be determined by the bus driver. In those cases where afternoon bus routes cannot be completed, children will be taken to their school and parents will be called. A driver may determine that a morning bus is unable to service some roads.

Please advise your children not to wait more than 20 minutes beyond the designated pick-up time for their bus — They should return to their homes.
If the roads look bad or if there has been ice or snow, listen to the radio or television or visit the school district website for possible closure or delays.

pc:  John Crain, Durham Transportation Services; Board Members; Administrators