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TO: Parents/Guardians of Pre-School and Early Intervention Children requiring Bus Transportation for Special Education Services
FROM: Tatia Prieto, President, Prismatic Services
DATE: January 1, 2021
SUBJECT: Weather Related Delays
CC: Dr. Wanda McQueen, OCHD, All School Personnel, OCHD Intervention Services

In overseeing the transportation of Orange County's Pre-School Special Education Program, Prismatic's first concern is for the safety and well-being of all the children transported in the program. On bad weather days (i.e. snow, sleet, heavy rain) when road conditions may be in question, transportation may be cancelled or delayed. A decision is made at approximately 6:00 A.M. In the event of a **2 hour delay** in transportation, there will be no bus transportation for all half day A.M. sessions.

As per the Orange County Department of Health: Transportation cancellations and delays will be made based on zones. Attached, you will find the 2020-21 Zone Table. Orange County is divided into 3 zones. Each zone includes school districts, In-county programs, and out-of-county programs. Please find your child's school district and special education program on the Zone Table. When there is a delay or closing in your child's school district or program zone(s) your child's transportation will be delayed or cancelled.

Please Note: This message pertains **ONLY TO BUS TRANSPORTATION.** For individual program closings and/or delays, please contact your child's program. In the event that transportation is **cancelled** or delayed, your child's program may decide to remain open.

If transportation is cancelled or delayed, Prismatic notifies the following radio Stations:



- 100.7 WHUD
- 104.7 K104

- 920 WGHQ
- 1420WLNA

- 107.1 The Peak
- 92.9 WBPM

- 1260 WBNR

The radio station will broadcast one of the following messages:

2 Hour Delay: "Prismatic Services and the Orange County Health Department Special Education Preschool and Early Intervention Bus transportation is on a 2 hour delay for the following Zone(s) _____. No Half Day AM transportation."

Cancellation: "Prismatic Services and the Orange County Health Department have cancelled bus transportation for Special Education Preschool and Early Intervention for the following Zones _____."

Each radio station has a website with a Storm Center tab that you can click on to see a full list of schools and services that are closed, delayed, or on early dismissal.

If you are still uncertain as to whether or not there will be bus transportation, please contact our office at **(845)520-3110.**

SpecialNote: Parents and/or guardians have the option to transport their child at no cost to them. Parents/Guardians who are interested in this option should contact their CPSE Chair to request a parent transportation contract.