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Dear Storey County School District Parents and Guardians,

Spring has officially begun! Of course, as I look outside it is currently snowing with more in the forecast. As you know, we have endured an unprecedented severe winter with 7 school day closures and many more two hour delays. We fully understand that closing school can mean longer days or an extended school year. Nevertheless, our decisions were always made with student and staff safety in mind.

A lot goes in to determining whether or not to call a snow day, two hour delay or full day. Our head of transportation Kelly Knapp patrols roads beginning around 4:00 a.m. This includes Six Mile Canyon, 341, the streets that feed Gallagher, VCMS and VCHS, Lousetown, Cartwright and Geiger Grade. Additionally, we maintain contact with our local State and County plow crews, SCSD maintenance and points of contact in Lockwood who also monitor routes through Reno.

We have officially received word from the Nevada Dept. of Education on what the rest of our 2016/17 school year will consist of. First off, barring any other called school days, all SCSD schools will END on a minimum day Thursday June 8. May 12 (previously an in-service day), all SCSD students will have school. May 3 (previously an early release day) will be a full day. No minutes need to be added to the school day. Please look at the revised schedule on the back of this page as a guide.

I want to sincerely thank our maintenance dept. and custodial staff who worked around the clock and weekends to clear the buildings of snow and ice. Our transportation director Kelly Knapp and her dedicated crew had to make extremely difficult decisions and always did so with student and staff safety at the forefront. Storey County Public Works, Emergency Management and Fire Dept. were incredible partners and guides that offered resources and expertise during those incredible weather events.

Thank you again for your support and understanding!

Sincerely,

Todd Hess

Superintendent, Storey County Schools