



WASHINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Washington Community Schools Families,

I have had a few school community members (parents, teachers, and a few students) ask me if we should just go ahead and call a 2-hour delay for Tuesday, January 20, because we all know our small southern Indiana community will be up late cheering the Indiana Hoosiers on in the National Championship game next Monday night. This idea is something I have thought about, and I think can be a justified reason for a delay next Tuesday.

If our schools raise \$2,026 (in honor of the year IU wins its first national championship in football) for the Washington Primary Playground Project, then Washington Community Schools will have a 2-hour delay on Tuesday, January 20.

Every dollar raised will go directly toward building a new, safe, inclusive playground space at Washington Primary. Our current and future primary students deserve a place where they can play, build friendships, and burn off energy. What better time to rally together than during a once-in-a-lifetime moment of Indiana Hoosier pride (and pride in our home state of Indiana, regardless of who you root for).

Here's how families, students, and community members can participate all week:

- Each school office will have designated collection jars
- Elementary classrooms may send in donations through teachers
- Middle and high school students can donate during lunch, before school, or after school in the office
- Community members are welcome to stop by any school office to contribute
- We'll also be collecting at the homecoming game this Friday night at the Hatchet House.

Finally, thank you to Our Community Foundation, our Washington Primary Playground fundraising campaign can accept donations online at https://ourcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=2287. This option gives Indiana Hoosier Fans everywhere an opportunity to support our Washington Primary project and give the school community a little extra time to get to school on January 20 after the biggest win in Indiana Hoosier football history. Our overall goal is to raise \$250,000 by December of 2026. So every little bit helps!

And for those who need to run on their normal schedule with elementary students, the elementary buildings (Washington Primary, Washington Intermediate, Washington Upper, and Veale) will be open at 7:30 am to receive students, and those students will be supervised in a designated location in that school building. Also, Washington Primary morning preschool will run on normal time as well. Washington High School and Washington Junior High School would be open to receive students at 9:30am.

This is a chance for us to support something meaningful for our Washington students while celebrating an unforgettable Hoosier moment. Help spread the word, share on social media, and encourage friends and family to chip in.

Let's prove once again that Washington Community Schools is a great place to be!

Go Hoosiers, and Go Hatchets! And for our Purdue fans out there, we will consider a similar opportunity if the Boilermakers are playing in Lucas Oil Stadium on April 6, 2026. A final decision for a delay on Tuesday, January 20, will be made by noon on Monday, January 19, and will be sent through our normal parent/guardian notification system.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Frank". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin Frank
Superintendent
Washington Community Schools