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Subject: Re: Weather Alert - Severe Thunderstorms on Wed.

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Feedback from Randy and Sam:

The rationale to dismiss early is due to concerns with the height of the school buses in the high wind, possibly tipping over or swerving on the road. The counties do not plan to close offices early, and therefore we do not expect state offices to close early either.

Expect a general update tomorrow afternoon/evening if there are requests for state assistance or significant damages.

On Feb 23, 2016, at 9:19 PM, Schimsa, Rebecca <[RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov](mailto:RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

The Horry and Georgetown schools have decided to dismiss early tomorrow due to the tornado threat, severe thunderstorms, and 45 mph wind gusts forecast for tomorrow afternoon. This seems unusual, because the forecast does not appear to warrant closures. Accordingly, Kim Stenson is touching base with the county emergency managers (Randy Webster in Horry, and Sam Hodge in Georgetown).

Expect another update later tonight or early in the morning.

On Feb 23, 2016, at 9:30 AM, Schimsa, Rebecca <[RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov](mailto:RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

Tomorrow, severe thunderstorms are forecast, producing heavy rains particularly in the Upstate where a fast 1-2 inches are expected to fall. Lightning and strong 60-70 mph winds gives a chance for tornadoes as well.

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