

Since we are now in the grip of winter, we want to share with you our procedures for school closings in the event of dangerous conditions.

The decision to call off school due to inclement weather begins at approximately 3:30 AM and includes analysis of the following information:

- Weather and radar reports
- Personal observation of road conditions
- Input from local law enforcement and road crews
- Input from district maintenance and snow removal personnel
- When necessary, school personnel drive the roads to determine the conditions
- Input and discussions with superintendents from neighboring districts

When all of this information is gathered, the Superintendent, Director of Facilities, and Transportation Supervisor jointly make the decision to close the schools or keep them open for students. Our objective is to make this decision no later than 5:45 AM as school buses are beginning to depart for their morning runs at that time. However, it may become necessary, in isolated cases, to make the decision after that time. Weather conditions can change abruptly, for better or for worse, but our intent is to determine that it is safe for students and staff to attend school as early as possible.

Safety is our highest priority and we strive to make the best possible decision with the information available at the time. Parents can always choose to have their children ride the school bus, or keep their children home if they truly feel there is a weather-related safety risk. Absences will be recorded as excused, with make-up work provided to the student if the Superintendent designates the day as a Severe Weather Day in the school district.

Please do not hesitate to contact the district if you require additional information in this regard.

Sincerely,

John Stoddard
Superintendent