

October 31, 2022

Dear RSU 16 Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This is a letter to acquaint you with our “school closing” announcement procedure.

- 1) If the weather becomes bad enough that we **delay, cancel or close school**, you will be notified **via our automated calling system** to contact numbers we have in your child’s file. Notifications are posted to our Regional School Unit 16 Facebook Page. We will contact WMTW” (CHANNEL 8 TV), “WCSH” (CHANNEL 6 TV), “WGME” (CHANNEL 13 TV) by 5:30 a.m., but cannot guarantee the announcement will be aired.
- 2) It is necessary that the school office, in the building where your child attends, is notified of the alternative childcare arrangements that you have made for your child(ren) **immediately** so that we have the necessary and/or updated information **before** our first storm. Buildings will be closed to all activities, including events and practices, when school is canceled.
- 3) In certain circumstances, we may delay the opening of school to allow the town crews to plow, sand and salt the roads. School will end at the regular time.

If school is delayed in the morning on a WEDNESDAY, there will be NO EARLY RELEASE. Students stay until regular release times.

If school is delayed on any morning, there will be NO morning PreK.

- 4) Once school has started, I will make every effort to limit the necessity to call for an **early dismissal**. If early dismissal is necessary, the decision will be made by **11:00 a.m.** You will be notified via **our automated calling system** and all announcements will be given to the TV stations listed above and posted to our Regional School Unit 16 Facebook Page.
- 5) As parents, you always have the final decision. If you feel it is too dangerous for your child(ren), please keep them home. We do ask that you call the school to let them know. You may not always agree with my decision to cancel or delay. Unfortunately, there is no exact science to these decisions and it is simply my best guess at 5:00 a.m., after consulting with our Operations and Transportation Directors, Road Commissioners and area superintendents. There are some unusually hilly and sharp turning roads in RSU 16, so there may be an occasion when I will cancel or delay school when others around us may not. I will err on the side of caution when transporting our precious child(ren).

Currently, our last day of school is **Friday, June 9th** with no snow days. **If we use the five (5) snow days**, our last day of school will be **Friday, June 16th**.

I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

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