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TO: All Parents and Staff
FROM: Arthur Unobskey, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER
DATE: November 2019

Given New England's winter weather, we must plan for the possibility that we will need to close schools or delay their opening. This will occur when inclement weather causes significant safety concerns. Otherwise, even in inclement weather, the preference is to keep school open. If school is held, but conditions are still very bad in any particular area, parents may of course use their own judgment in determining whether or not to send a student to school.

Cancellations

If weather conditions are sufficiently severe, school will be cancelled. The "No School" announcement decision will be made by 5:00 A.M. By 5:30 A.M., this message will be conveyed via an automated phone call. (Please ensure that we have your most updated phone numbers on ESchoolPlus. Parents can update their phone numbers and email addresses by logging into Home Access Center (HAC) and clicking on the Registration button to 'Edit' their contact information.) We will also post this information on our website at The Wayland Public School Website**.** As a backup, you can tune into television channels 4, 5, 7, and 25. Only these stations will be notified when necessary. **Please do not telephone the Police or Fire Departments, as these lines must be kept open.**

Two-Hour Delay

On some occasions, road and traffic conditions may warrant a two-hour delayed opening of schools. An announcement will be carried by the television stations noted above as follows: "Two-hour delayed opening, Wayland." On these days, bussed students will be picked up approximately two hours later than their normal pickup time. Starting times for the schools will be as follows:

Two Hour Delay	Claypit Hill, Happy Hollow & Loker Elementary Schools	9:55 A.M.
	High School	10:35 A.M.
	Middle School	10:40 A.M.
	The Children's Way	10:00 A.M.

After a delayed opening, schools will be dismissed at their regular times. Afternoon dismissals and all other school activities will take place at their regularly scheduled times. However, please note that there will be no before-school childcare, including BASE, on days when the opening of school is delayed.

Early Dismissals

In the highly unlikely event that an early dismissal from school is deemed necessary, efforts will be made to contact parents by phone, email, and website announcements. (On days when the weather becomes unusually dangerous after school has begun, parents are advised to look for such an announcement.) If the schools close early, all after-school activities, including BASE, will be cancelled.

NO SCHOOL & TWO-HOUR DELAY ANNOUNCEMENTS 2019/20:

TELEVISION STATIONS

The following stations provide closing and delay information on-screen as well as on-line. The on-line links are below for each station:

Channel 4 (WBZ)
http://boston.cbslocal.com/closings/

Channel 5 (WCVB)

www.wcvb.com/weather/closings

Channel 7 (NBC) & Channel 56 (CW)

http://whdh.com/storm-closings-delays/

Channel 10 (NBC Boston)

http://www.nbcboston.com/weather/school-closings/

Fox 25 (WFXT)
http://www.fox25boston.com/weather/schoolclosings

Please note that <u>only</u> these stations will be notified of school cancellations or delays.

This letter is also available on the WPS website at:
https://www.wayland.k12.ma.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1036352/File/District/District%20Info/Parent-Staff%20Delay%20Memo%202019.pdf_____

Changes in Programming As a Result of School Delays or Cancellation

- **No School Announcement: All classes & after-school activities cancelled all day.**

- **Two-Hour Delay: Morning BASE will be cancelled.**
        Claypit Hill, Happy Hollow & Loker Elementary Schools start at: 9:55 A.M.
        High School will start at: 10:35 A.M.
        Middle School will start at: 10:40 A.M.
        The Children's Way will start at 10:00 A.M.
        Schools will be dismissed at their regular times
- **Early Dismissals: No after-school activities, including BASE**.