



# PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear MPS Parents, Guardians, and Staff:

After Sunday's winter weather, I thought it was important to send this annual reminder about how we approach inclement weather in the Milton Public Schools. Inclement weather days are a necessary part of life in the northeast, and the better we manage them as partners, the more successful our school year will be.

The safety of students and staff is paramount, and we do not want to have students, parents and staff on the roads when the conditions are unsafe. In addition, we need to be sure our school sidewalks, crosswalks and buildings are ready for our students and that we are fully staffed and ready to provide a safe and successful school day. Before and during inclement weather, we consult with the relevant town departments, MPS administration and superintendents from neighboring districts. We also monitor weather forecasts, including those provided by the Town of Milton.

At times, the decision is clear and we are able to announce that school is closed or delayed the evening before school. However, sometimes the forecast is difficult to predict with any certainty for Milton, and those decisions are best made in the early morning. When we experience inclement weather that impacts our schools, there are two options that we will consider: a 2 hour delay or a complete cancellation of school.

## **If we have a 2 hour delay:**

- Your child's school day will start 2 hours later than a regular day.
- Buses will run on a 2 hour delay.
- Please be aware that some busses could be running behind as they navigate the snow/tough road conditions.
- There will be no before school program or before school activities at any school.
- After School Enrichment, after school activities and evening school based activities will proceed as planned.
- There will be no breakfast served at any school.
- Lunch will be served at every school.

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**If school is cancelled due to inclement weather:**

- All after school and evening activities will also be cancelled.
- When possible, we will communicate the decision to cancel or delay the evening before school.
- When the forecast dictates waiting until morning, we will make every effort to communicate the decision to cancel or delay school by 5:30am.
- We will communicate this news via local media, our website, and via email, text and phone.

If you need to confirm or update your current contact information, please contact your school's administrative assistant via email. I appreciate your cooperation as we work to make the most informed decisions on behalf of MPS students, families and staff.

Thank you,

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