

WAYLAND • PUBLIC • SCHOOLS

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TO: All Parents and Staff
FROM: Paul Stein, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER
DATE: November 2015

Given New England's winter weather, there remains 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 5:30 A.M. By 6:00 A.M., this message will be conveyed via an automated phone call to your homes. As a backup, you can tune into radio station WBZ (1030 AM) and 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.**

Ninety-Minute Delay

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

High School	9:00 A.M.
Middle School	9:15 A.M.
Claypit Hill, Happy Hollow & Loker Elementary Schools	10:15 A.M.
The Children's Way	9:30 A.M.

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 radio announcements. (On days when the weather becomes unusually dangerous after school has begun, parents are advised to listen for such an announcement.) If the schools close early, all after-school activities, including BASE, will be canceled.

NO SCHOOL or NINETY-MINUTE DELAY ANNOUNCEMENTS 2015/16**T.V. STATIONS****Channel 4 (WBZ)**

Cancellations scrolled at bottom of screen during Storm Center operation. The full list of cancellations also available on line at www.CBSBoston.com.

Channel 5

You can log onto www.wcvb.com/weather/closings for no school announcements (Channel 5). You can also sign up to have closing information sent to your email or receive a cell phone text message.

**Channel 7 (NBC) &
Channel 56 (CW)**

You can log onto www.whdh.com and click on "School Closings." Input your cell number, the name of your carrier, and then choose the schools you are interested in hearing about. You can also use the 7NEWS mobile app by searching **WHDH** in the app store to download for free.

Fox 25 (WXFT)

and

www.myfoxboston.com

Please note that only these stations will be notified of school cancellations or delays.

This letter is also available on the WPS website at:

http://www.wayland.k12.ma.us/district_info/inclement_weather

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- **No School Announcement: all classes & school activities cancelled all day.**
 - **Ninety-Minute Delay: Morning BASE will be canceled.**

Claypit Hill, Happy Hollow & Loker Elementary Schools start at: *10:15 A.M.*

Middle School will start at: *9:15 A.M.*

High School will start at: *9:00 A.M.*

The Children's Way will start at *9:30 A.M.*

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