EAST LONGMEADOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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To: All Staff, Parents, and Students
From: Gordon C. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

During times of inclement weather, I must decide before 6:00 a.m. whether road conditions will be safe for children to come to school. That decision is based upon information available from the Police Department, Highway Department, and weather forecasters. It is our policy to hold classes, if possible. **It is also our policy that you, as a parent, should feel free to keep your child home if you do not agree with the decision to hold classes.**

The following plans will be in effect for these occasions:

A. If the conditions are severe, schools will be canceled. The No School Announcement will be carried, starting at 6:00 a.m. Channel 22; Channel 40 and CBS-3.

B. If conditions are less difficult, but the Highway Department needs extra time to plow the roads or sand the streets, the school day will be shortened. Under this alternative plan, the opening of school and all bus pickups will be delayed by two hours. This simply means that the schools will open two hours later. The Delayed Opening Announcement will be carried by the same television and radio stations, starting at 6:00 a.m. and will specifically be announced as such. On that day, schools will be dismissed at regular times. Lunch will be served at the regular times in the cafeterias of each building.

We ask parents, in the event of a storm, to listen carefully to Channel 22; Channel 40, and CBS-3 or radio station WHYN, for East Longmeadow's decision. Please do not call the schools – no one is in the office when there is a delay in the morning. Again, the possible alternatives we will consider in case of weather conditions are:

A. No School – All classes, school activities, clubs and athletics will be canceled for the day and evening.

B. Two Hour Delayed Opening – Morning bus pick-ups and the start of classes postponed by two hours; however, meals, afternoon dismissals, and all other school activities will take place at regularly scheduled times. No afternoon Pre-K classes will be held.