

EAST LONGMEADOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: All Staff, Parents, and Students
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INFORMATION ON WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSING

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.

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 sent out through the automated system, starting at 6:00 a.m. or earlier. Channel 22; Channel 40 and CBS-3 will also carry this information.
- 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 stations, starting at 6:00 a.m. or earlier, 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.
- C. ELPS generally chooses to remain in school until regular dismissal time once students have arrived for the day. Should a weather event create the need to dismiss early on a given day, the decision to do so will be communicated the night before, or as soon as practicable. We do ask that families have a contingency plan for the possibility of an early dismissal due to inclement weather.

We ask parents, in the event of a storm, to listen carefully to Channel 22; Channel 40, and CBS-3, 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 are postponed by two hours; however, meals, afternoon dismissals, and all other school activities will take place at regularly scheduled times. **No morning Pre-K classes will be held.**