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Dear Wayland Community,

It feels strange to send an inclement weather memo after many of us were in shorts last Saturday, but things can change quickly. Please know that I have many years of experience dealing with “snow calls” and my batting average in terms of getting it right is pretty good. That being said, I have had my share of bad calls, often due to the inaccuracies of local meteorologists.

I do know that Wayland had a former superintendent who was famous for never calling snow days. However, times have changed and 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 canceled. The “No School” announcement decision will be made by 5:00 a.m. or the night before. 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](#) and on most television stations: [Channel 4 \(WBZ\)](#), [Channel 5 \(WCVB\)](#), [Channel 7 \(NBC\) & Channel 56 \(CW\)](#), [Channel 10 \(NBC Boston\)](#), [Fox 25 \(WFXT\)](#). 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**

<b>Elementary Schools</b>	<b>9:55 A.M.</b>
<b>High School</b>	<b>10:35 A.M.</b>
<b>Middle School</b>	<b>10:40 A.M.</b>
<b>The Children’s Way</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>

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 canceled.

This letter is also available on the [Wayland Public Schools](#) website.