

# SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION SHEET

As the winter season is upon us, we thought parents might be interested in knowing how the decision is made to either keep schools open or close schools in the event of bad weather.

## HOW DO WE MAKE OUR DECISION?

The superintendent makes the decision based upon:

- Information on road conditions from our transportation provider and from our facilities and grounds department.
- Amount of snow and ice accumulated.
- Whether snow/ice is continuing.
- Building conditions (such as whether we have electricity and heat).
- Parking lot conditions.
- Temperature/wind chill for walkers and those waiting at bus stops.

We prefer not making our decision based on weather predictions, but sometimes this is unavoidable. We also make our decision in cooperation with other area elementary districts and with Glenbrook South High School.

## HOW ARE PARENTS NOTIFIED?

There are several ways to find out if school is closed, or open, on what seems like a bad weather day.

- Tune in to local radio: WGN (720-AM) and WBBM (780-AM).
- Tune in to local television: CBS, NBC, ABC, WGN, FOX and CLTV.
- [Visit the District's website](http://www.glenview34.org) at [www.glenview34.org](http://www.glenview34.org).
- [Visit the school closing website](http://www.emergencyclosings.com) at [www.emergencyclosings.com](http://www.emergencyclosings.com).

Please know the District will attempt to use its automated phone calling system and send an electronic message to all parent e-mail addresses on file to inform parents if school is closed. This will occur at around at 6 a.m.

## WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

Usually, the decision to close school is made at 5:30 a.m. or earlier.

## INFORMATION ON EARLY BUS DISMISSAL AT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

If conditions worsen during the school day, we might have an early **bus** dismissal at the intermediate schools. This is NOT an early dismissal. The goal of releasing buses early is to try to keep them running on schedule throughout the afternoon. Walkers and pickups will still be dismissed at the usual time. The only change is intermediate buses leave 15 minutes early.

## ARE THERE SNOW DAYS BUILT INTO THE CALENDAR?

The District does NOT build snow days into the calendar. If the District closes due to weather, each day will be made up at the end of the school year.

## OTHER INFORMATION

Although the District does its best, we know that often no perfect decision exists. If parents do not feel as though it is safe for your child to attend school, use your best judgment on whether he or she should attend.