



BYRAM HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

The decision to close or delay school is always made with the entire district in mind. This includes those who travel out of the district for special services or to private schools. The safety of all our children is our primary concern when making a decision to close or delay school, or conduct an emergency early dismissal. The District's different road types, terrains, and town configurations, requires careful scrutiny that takes in all of these components for consideration whenever winter weather, or other emergencies, pose a threat to our school community.

When inclement weather is expected, the Transportation Supervisor remains in close contact with the weather agency, the North Castle Office of Emergency Management, highway departments, and the local police departments to collect road condition information. The Supervisor also works closely with the Superintendent of Schools, and discussions are held with neighboring school districts who are conducting similar reviews for their decision-making process. Based on all of the information that is gathered, the Superintendent of Schools makes the final decision to delay or close schools.

If possible, the decision to close or delay schools will be made prior to 6:00 a.m. This decision is communicated in several ways to the community. The Byram Hills School District uses an automated telephone calling system that notifies parents with a recorded message for the event. It is vital that you keep your phone number current with us in this system for emergency communications. The closing, delay, or early dismissal decision is broadcast on the FM radio stations WHUD 100.7, WFAS 103.9, WMJV 105.5, Channel 12 News, and the district's website (www.byramhills.org).

For those students that use the Byram Hills school bus system to travel outside the district, it is important to remember that if the Byram Hills School District is closed due to inclement weather, there will be no out-of-district transportation for that day. If there is a two-hour delay, all of the bus routes will run on a two-hour delay, regardless of what your school schedule may be on that day. If weather conditions require the district to close early, the out-of-district students will be picked up early as well. If your out-of-district school is delayed and Byram Hills is not, we will try to accommodate that schedule as best we can. In this situation, it is best to call the Transportation Department directly for up-to-date information on the bus schedule for your school.

We hope that you have found this information helpful. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Fitzgibbons
Transportation Supervisor