



WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

It's never too early to start thinking about weather related emergencies. Typically, we associate decisions about school closing due to weather with snow. But as you know, there are other weather emergencies that can arise in the fall. My goal as Superintendent of Wall Township Schools is always to ensure the safety of the students as they travel to and from school in bad weather and to ensure that parents have sufficient time to plan for their supervision in the event of an early dismissal, a delayed opening or a school closing.

- Early dismissals: I will make every effort to make this decision the night before so that you can make any necessary arrangements for child care and that you can plan to send your child to school with a healthy snack. Early dismissal days are the same as ½ days. Lunch is not provided by the cafeteria as we must ensure at least four full hours of instruction in order for the day to count as one of our required 180 days of instruction.
- Delayed openings: The district has procedures in place for a delay of **ninety minutes**. Sometimes it's possible to make this decision the night before. However, it is always my goal to provide a full day of instruction, if possible, and if I know that roads, school buildings and grounds are safe I will strive to open school on time. Sometimes this requires last-minute communication with the Wall Police between 4:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. I typically post this information on my Twitter feed. You can follow me @cheryldyer to be aware of these decisions as soon as possible.
- School closings: I take school closings very seriously, but will typically err on the side of caution to ensure a safe learning environment for the students and staff. Whenever possible the decision will be made the night before. However, it can be made as late as 5:00 a.m.

High School parents should be aware that our students who have licenses **can** drive to school, but they don't **have** to- this is a parental decision. I realize that inexperienced drivers should not be on the roads if the conditions are marginal. If the roads in your neighborhood are icy you can choose to transport your child or have him or her take the bus. You do not have to let them drive. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Cheryl A. Dyer