



Manchester-Shortsville Central School District

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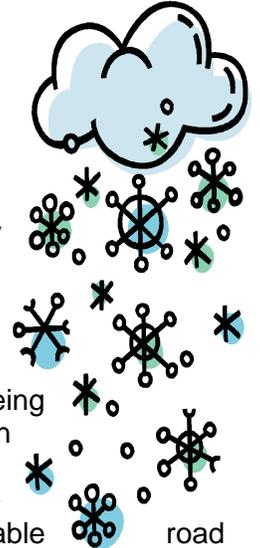
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Dear Red Jacket Families:

Determining weather related school delays or closures can be tricky and there is no easy answer in making that call. Although the National Weather Service issues advisories at -15° F and warnings at -25° F, they do not make recommendations for school delays or closings. The Department of Public Health offers some guidance on the matter, however.

Children can experience frostbite on exposed skin in less than 30 minutes at -25° F. Being outside for longer periods of time before temperatures reach this extreme temperature can also result in the potential for frostbite. **Children should not be exposed to such extreme temperatures if they are not dressed properly.** A wind chill of about -25° F is the guideline Red Jacket Schools use when considering school delays or closings. Impassable road conditions and power outages in conjunction with weather reports are other primary factors in determining school delays, early dismissals or closings.



School delays and closings will be communicated using our School Messenger System as well as through our local TV and radio stations.

In the event of an early closing, it is very important that you have submitted the most up to date **Emergency Release Information** to your child's main office. Our office staff needs to have current information and know who can pick your child up from school if it is necessary to close early. This information is also essential to our bus drivers so they know where they should drop your child off if you are not at home or if your child needs to be taken to an alternative residence. The Emergency Release Form is available in our offices.

Sincerely,

Charlene Dehn
Superintendent of Schools

Mission

We will challenge all learners and work in partnership with students, parents and community to achieve high standards.