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Dear Parents & Guardians,

As the winter season approaches, it's a good opportunity to review the protocols used when there is inclement weather that forces us to modify our typical operating procedures. We understand that any changes to a normal school day tremendously impact our families. We also firmly believe that students are always better served by being in school. Our top priority is student and staff safety which means there will be times we need to adjust to accommodate unsafe weather conditions.

In order to provide our families with additional information that can help to promote greater understanding of our protocols, please review the following:

How do we make a decision to change operating procedures?

Please know that the decision to close school, delay the start of school, or have an early dismissal is based on the current situation, as well as weather predictions by local and national weather institutions (Nassau County Office of Emergency Management, National Weather Services, etc.) This information can include:

- Current and predicted weather conditions
- Road conditions
- Temperature and wind chill
- The opening status of surrounding districts

When is the decision made?

We always aim to make a decision as early as possible so that families can make adjustments to ensure proper supervision at home. Whenever possible, we will make the decision the night before, but based on weather predictions that is not always possible.

How is the information shared?

As soon as the decision is made, an automated call (as well as an email and text) is sent out to all families. The details are also posted on the district website at www.levittownschoools.com. We also share the information with News12 as well as Nassau BOCES.

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Will traditional snow days be replaced by days of virtual instruction?

The district calendar includes a maximum of two snow days. If schools are closed due to inclement weather no more than two days during the school year, those days will be treated as traditional snow days. If additional school closings occur beyond the initial two “snow days”, students will have remote instruction on those additional days.

Does the district utilize “early dismissals”?

On days when the weather appears to be worsening, the district may implement a limited “early dismissal” in which high school and middle school students are dismissed 15-25 minutes early. This allows additional time for our buses to safely transport all students in a timely fashion. Although an earlier dismissal is always a possibility given the uncertain nature of inclement weather, we will do our best to avoid implementing dismissals that commence prior to 25 minutes before the typical end of the school day.

When does the district cancel after school activities?

Similar to school closings or delayed openings due to inclement weather, if the prediction is for challenging weather conditions in the evening, the district may choose to cancel after school activities. Every attempt will be made to reschedule the canceled activities. This information will be shared through automated messages, our website and News12.

We hope this information provides some additional insights into how we plan for weather related school closures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Winch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Todd Winch