

SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS

The Milford School Department staff understands that our decision to open or close schools in bad weather has a big effect on families. They also understand that our students are better served, both academically and socially, by being in school. As always, our top priority is the safety of our students.

The Superintendent of schools or a designee is empowered to close schools in the best interest and safety of pupils.

The decision to open or close the schools in bad weather is based on a careful analysis of all relevant factors such as:

- Information on road conditions from our bus company, DOT and police. Careful consideration is given to the most dangerous roads in our school system. Consideration is also given to our high school students who attend over a half dozen different area high schools and regional programs. What those systems do impacts the decision as well.
- Amount of snow and ice accumulated.
- Whether precipitation is continuing.
- Building conditions (such as availability of electricity and heat).
- Parking lot conditions. Administrators talk to maintenance/custodial staff members who are responsible for clearing and treating school parking lots and sidewalks.
- Temperature and wind chill. Some students walk to school and some must wait outside for the bus.
- Decisions are not based solely on weather predictions which are not always accurate.
- Administrators also share information with other area school superintendents and check whether they are opening or closing.

The superintendent of schools makes the final decision, based on the above factors and recommendations from the bus transportation providers, our principal and receiving schools.

The Superintendent will notify local television and radio stations as soon as the decision to close is made.

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