

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

WHO IS WATCHING THE WEATHER?

The Superintendent and school administrators carefully watch the weather conditions during the snow season.

WHERE DO THEY GET THEIR INFORMATION?

Our school district staff listens to the weather forecasts. The Superintendent of Schools and Town Road Superintendent test the road conditions on our bus routes. We also contact the local police about road conditions. We must give careful consideration to the most dangerous bus routes in the district. So, even if it looks clear on your street, dangerous conditions may exist in other parts of our district.

WHAT FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED WHEN MAKING THE DECISION TO CLOSE SCHOOL?

The safety of all district children is our primary concern in making our decision. In deciding whether children will be safe, we look at the following factors:

- Information on road conditions from the town's superintendent of roads and from the police, including whether roads are icy
- Time snow starts and the amount of snow
- Weather predictions
- Building conditions (e.g. whether we have power and heat)
- Parking lot conditions
- Temperature and wind-chill

WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the final decision, based on the above factors and recommendations from the road crews and police.

WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

The Superintendent must make the decision at the earliest possible time so that radio and TV stations can be notified.

HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

Radio is the official medium for notifying all students and parents as to whether or not schools are closed because of weather conditions. Tune to the following stations for up-to-date information on school closings. Do not call the school unless it has an emergency weather extension.

WHAI (98.3 fm) - Greenfield

WPVQ (95.3 fm) – Greenfield

WJDF (97.3 fm) – Orange

WGAW (1340 am)(wgaw1340.com) – Gardner

WHMP (96.9 fm) & WRSI (93.9 fm) Northampton

KIX (100.9 fm) - Springfield

WWLP Channel 22 –www.wwlp.com

WGGB Channel 40 – www.wggb.com

WHAT IS THE PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY?

The safety of your child is first and foremost! The Union #28 school district covers an enormous amount of geography with many terrain variations. Conditions can change suddenly. **On days of questionable weather, you are empowered as a parent to make decisions on what is best for your child.**