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To: Hastings UFSD Families and Staff
RE: **Inclement Weather Notifications – 2022-23 School Year**

As I have always done annually at the start of school, I am explaining how we communicate changes to the daily school schedule caused by inclement weather. We know all too well that problematic weather is more than an ice and snow concern.

Decisions for school delays, early dismissals, or cancellations are announced as promptly as possible. We track weather patterns to anticipate days when inclement weather may be a problem. Nearly always, final decisions are made early in the morning of the specific school day (when the situation is best understood).

The timeframe on decisions to delay or cancel school is as follows:

- 4:00 a.m. - 5:15 a.m. – Road and campus conditions are checked from various sources. I consult with the Director of Facilities, Hastings Police Department, Hastings Department of Public Works, a regional Meteorologist and Quad Village superintendents.
- By 5:15 a.m. – I make the decision on a school delay or cancellation. Communications to staff and families commence immediately. Staff and transportation providers are notified by 5:30 a.m.; Parents/families are notified by 6:00 a.m.
- Under extraordinary circumstances (i.e., rapidly changing weather), a decision to delay or cancel school may be made later than 5:15 a.m., resulting in a slight lag in our notifications.

We communicate decisions in multiple ways:

- Hastings UFSD Website: <https://www.hohschools.org/>
- Email sent through BlackBoard Connect K-12 Messenger
- Phone call through BlackBoard Connect K-12 Messenger
- Text message sent through BlackBoard Connect K-12 Messenger
- Posting on Hastings UFSD Facebook Page
- Local Media Outlets: News 12, LoHud

Please Note: The New York State Education Department has authorized school districts to use Remote Learning Days to avoid “lost school days” when weather prevents the district from opening. The Board of Education in collaboration with the Hastings Teachers Union has determined that we will use Remote Learning days only when we are at the point of exhausting the six scheduled “emergency closure days” and need to shorten Spring Recess (the plan listed in the [2022-23 School Year Calendar](#)).

Very important: we will only communicate when the school schedule has changed. We will not communicate when school is in session as scheduled.