

R 8220 SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Extreme weather conditions, interruptions in utility services (heat, water or electricity) or other emergencies beyond district control may, at times, necessitate the closure of schools to ensure the safety of pupils and staff.

The decision to close or to delay the start of school is made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with the district's facilities and transportation departments and the Point Pleasant Borough Police Department. Once the decision to close or delay is made, students, staff and the community are notified through a variety of communication methods. The following procedures will govern the unscheduled closing of school for the entire school day, the delayed opening of school and the early dismissal of school.

Notification Procedures

1. Honeywell Instant Alert is sent to Point Pleasant Borough Schools' parents, guardians and staff via the Honeywell Instant Alert System. The Honeywell Alert System sends to the recipient their choice of voice call, text, or email alert.
2. Information concerning emergency school closings or delays is posted to the district and individual school websites.
3. Closing and delay information is also shared with the following media outlets:
 - a. 92.7 WOMB-FM
 - b. 94.3 WJLK-FM
 - c. 100.1 WJRZ-FM
 - d. News Channel 12
 - e. ABC 7
 - f. FOX 5
 - g. Verizon FIOS Network.

Parents and guardians are advised at the start of each school year that they will be notified of emergency school closings and delays through the means listed above.

All announcements will indicate whether a school is closed or delayed. If the district operates a delayed opening schedule, the start of the school day at all schools will be delayed by two hours unless otherwise specified. Buses will run at times consistent with the specified delay. A delayed opening shall mean that the A.M. vocational high school



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and the out-of-district schools to which our pupils are transported, are all closed for the day.

If weather conditions deteriorate after a delayed opening has been announced, the Superintendent may ultimately decide to close schools for the day.

Every effort shall be made to decide the school opening or closing prior to 5:30 a.m.

If an emergency warrants the closing of a school or all schools during the school day, announcements will be made via the Honeywell Instant Alert System and will also be posted to the district and individual school websites. The early dismissal schedule will follow each school's half-day schedule. Both Nellie F. Bennett and Ocean Road Elementary Schools shall remain open two hours after dismissal time for afternoon childcare. In the event of early dismissal, elementary walkers shall be released to their parents and bussers shall take their normally scheduled bus.

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