

BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT School Closings

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

No school, office, or system event cancellation or delay will be made without the direct authorization of the Superintendent of Schools. In the event the Superintendent is unavailable, such decisions will be made by the Principal or School Board Chair.

When the Superintendent determines that weather or other conditions exist or will develop that would make it unwise to open one or more schools any time during the day, appropriate announcements are made via the media and school system. If school is closed for the entire day, the SAU minimal office operations may be conducted from individual homes and all evening programs will be cancelled. The procedure is as follows:

1. Superintendent, Public Works Director and Road Agent: Communicate between 4:30-5:00 AM

Barnstead Road Agent contacts Superintendent, or, in Superintendent's absence, Principal, to advise of road conditions. Based on assessment of storm and roads' passability, SAU Administrator may confer with area Superintendents, review weather reports prior to making decision. Superintendent also contacts Prospect Mountain High School Superintendent and Alton Superintendent to discuss conditions.

If either Alton K-8 or Prospect Mountain High School schools close, Barnstead Elementary School will be closed as well.

2. Superintendent contacts:

1. Road Agent
2. Bus Companies by 5:45 AM to confirm decision regarding school closing.
3. Administrative Assistant – who contacts media
4. BES Principal – who then initiates the Messenger system, phone trees within the school

3. Administrative Assistant contacts:

1. TV and radio stations (At a minimum, WMUR TV, WOKQ, WZID)

4. Delayed Openings

The Superintendent may delay the opening of schools upon determining that weather conditions appear extremely hazardous to operate school buses at the regular early morning hours, but that travel conditions will appreciably improve later in the morning.

A delay equates to two (2) hours. There will also be a two hour delay on elementary transportation, and no morning preschool.

The same procedures in 1-4 above will be followed when making a decision regarding delayed opening.

5. Closing School Early

If a storm is predicted for early afternoon or at the time of closing, the “rule of thumb” has been that students are safest in the school. Parents are not home and sending children to empty houses is unsafe. Therefore, dismissal will be at the regular time unless the situation calls for another plan.

6. Weekend Closings

When weather or other conditions are predicted or develop that would make it hazardous to operate weekend programs or events, the particular Event Coordinator is responsible for decisions regarding cancellations and notifying participants.

Additional Cancellation Information

Cancellation

There will be no elementary and no high school transportation, and no BAZ After-School Program.

Substitute Teachers

Barnstead: The Substitute Caller will contact all substitute teachers scheduled to work for the day.

Students, parents, and staff shall be informed early in each school year of the procedures which will be used to notify them in case of emergency closings, whether action is taken before or during school hours. When schools are closed for emergency reasons, staff members shall comply with Board policy in reporting for work.

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