



Toms River REGIONAL SCHOOLS

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR CANCELLATIONS, DELAYED OPENING OR EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULES

Inclement weather can cause the cancellation of school, a delayed opening or an early dismissal if the superintendent of schools believes conditions threaten the safety of children walking or being bused to and from school. A number of inclement weather factors, based upon forecasted conditions from the National Weather Service, are taken into consideration. They include existing and projected traffic conditions from the school district's four municipal police departments, progress of county and municipal agencies to maintain and clear major arteries, local, and neighborhood roads, and the district's ability to maintain and keep clear 18 school parking lots, entrance roadways and sidewalks.

Early dismissals due to inclement weather are weighed very carefully, as administration is aware of the number of working parents who are not expecting their children home until the usual time. An early dismissal schedule listed on the next page will be utilized when inclement weather threatens the safe return of students home at the end of the school day. If weather conditions become suddenly severe, schools will be immediately dismissed. If school has either a delayed opening or early dismissal, all other events in the schools will also be cancelled for that day. For sporting events, please listen to local radio stations for more details. The following radio and television stations will be announcing when school is cancelled, delayed in opening or dismissed early. The television stations are: **Comcast Cable** on TR Schools **Channel 21** and News 12 NJ **Channel 12**. The radio stations are: **B 98.5 FM** and **WOBM FM 92.7**. In addition to these communication channels, we will utilize our automatic call system as much as possible. It is imperative that everyone in the school community works together to clear sidewalks and bus stops for students being bused or walking to school.

You can also find the emergency information posted as soon as it is announced on TV 21 and our web site at www.trschools.com.

WE EARNESTLY REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THIS INFORMATION.

DELAYED OPENING SCHEDULE

The delayed opening schedule allows for a delayed opening of school due to inclement weather conditions or other emergency conditions. When emergency situations are expected to be rectified or the weather conditions are anticipated to improve, combined with the ability of public works crews to ensure safe passage on roadways, schools will open in accordance with the schedule below. **WHEN SCHOOL STARTS ON A DELAYED OPENING, THE MORNING (A.M.) KINDERGARTENS, PRE-SCHOOL HANDICAP, (A.M.) Y KIDS, AND (A.M.) EXTENDED DAY ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED FOR THAT DAY.** Afternoon Y Kids will go on as scheduled. All other after school activities will go on as scheduled, unless otherwise notified.

EMERGENCY EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

On rare occasions, it may become necessary to implement an early dismissal of pupils from school due to emergency circumstances, eg. prolonged power failure, lack of water services, etc. If such an early dismissal becomes necessary, the following notification procedures will be implemented uniformly at all elementary schools. The intent of this procedure is to provide a fail safe system, in order that appropriate caregivers and parents can be notified as early as possible as to the decision to dismiss schools for emergency purposes.

WHENEVER IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE "EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE", THE AFTERNOON (P.M.) KINDERGARTEN, PRE-SCHOOL HANDICAPPED, Y-KIDS AND EXTENDED DAY ACTIVITIES WILL BE CANCELLED FOR THAT DAY. Related announcements about the early dismissal decision will be communicated by the district to the local media (i.e. newspapers and local radio stations) and will be aired on TV 21. Our Web site at www.trschools.com will also carry the announcement. In the event that contact cannot be made with the home or caregiver about the emergency early dismissal, the pupil(s) will be retained at school under supervision until such contact can be made.