

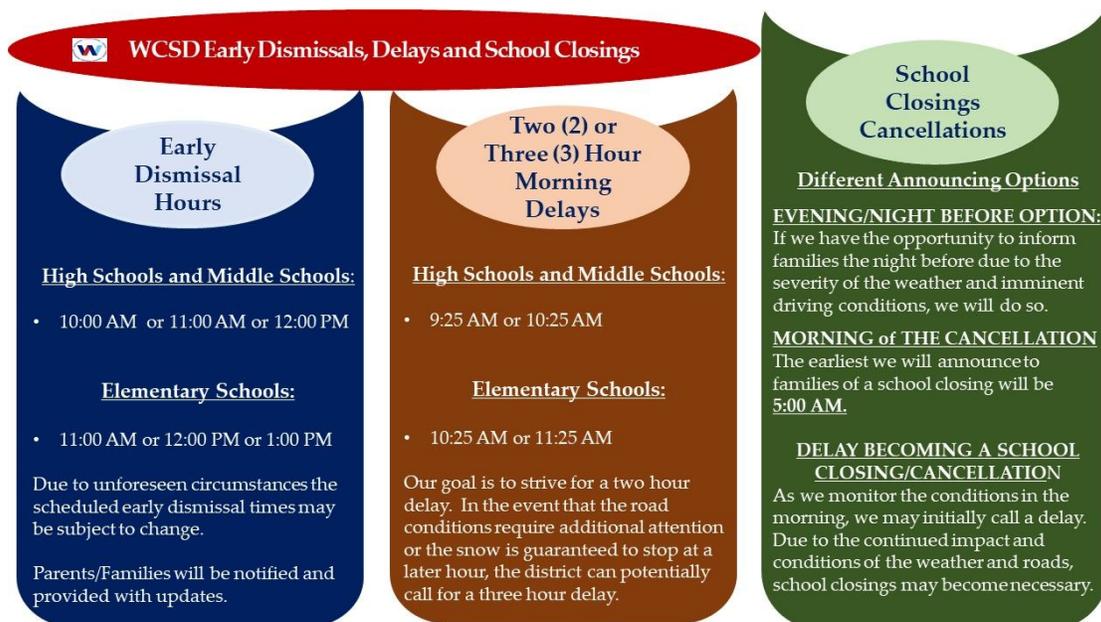
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Dear Wappingers Community:

First, I'd like to start by sharing wishes for a very healthy and happy New Year and hope you had a well-rested and relaxing winter break. As the year begins we find ourselves continuing to build upon the work that has already begun. From construction projects and renovations to working with our school buildings to ensure that all of the necessary resources and strategies are in place for successful student outcomes.

January to March can typically be hard months in relation to inclement weather. Our process for school closings, delays, and early dismissals has been put in place and we ask that you [review all of our procedures](#) related to inclement weather. As I have shared in the past, the decision to release early, delay, or close school is not an easy decision to make but we are very grateful and fortunate for a competent "WCSD Snow Team" who works collaboratively to ensure that the best decisions are made for the safety of all students in the District.



**WCSD Early Dismissals, Delays and School Closings**

Early Dismissal Hours	Two (2) or Three (3) Hour Morning Delays	School Closings Cancellations
<p><b>High Schools and Middle Schools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM or 11:00 AM or 12:00 PM</li> </ul> <p><b>Elementary Schools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:00 AM or 12:00 PM or 1:00 PM</li> </ul> <p>Due to unforeseen circumstances the scheduled early dismissal times may be subject to change.</p> <p>Parents/Families will be notified and provided with updates.</p>	<p><b>High Schools and Middle Schools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:25 AM or 10:25 AM</li> </ul> <p><b>Elementary Schools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:25 AM or 11:25 AM</li> </ul> <p>Our goal is to strive for a two hour delay. In the event that the road conditions require additional attention or the snow is guaranteed to stop at a later hour, the district can potentially call for a three hour delay.</p>	<p><b>Different Announcing Options</b></p> <p><b><u>EVENING/NIGHT BEFORE OPTION:</u></b> If we have the opportunity to inform families the night before due to the severity of the weather and imminent driving conditions, we will do so.</p> <p><b><u>MORNING of THE CANCELLATION</u></b> The earliest we will announce to families of a school closing will be <b>5:00 AM.</b></p> <p><b><u>DELAY BECOMING A SCHOOL CLOSING/CANCELLATION</u></b> As we monitor the conditions in the morning, we may initially call a delay. Due to the continued impact and conditions of the weather and roads, school closings may become necessary.</p>

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During the month of January many of our students will be taking Regents exams. Please encourage your child to study and be well-rested during these New York State scheduled Regents exams. We have also put in place what we refer to as “Regents Boot Camp” to provide additional assistance to your child as they prepare for their examination(s). Your school’s guidance counselor and teacher can provide information and resources available for your child.

For our students in Kindergarten through Grade 8, January marks the beginning of the administration of the i-Ready assessments. It is important that we continue to monitor the progress of our students to ensure that they are achieving academic growth. Our District has provided several workshops for parents to help them better understand i-Ready. If you have any additional questions about i-Ready, please don’t hesitate to contact the building principal or the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at 845-298-5000.

We would like to thank all of our fine and performing arts teachers for the wonderful performances they facilitated throughout the District. Our students are phenomenally talented and that was apparent throughout the month of December. Once again, congratulations to all those involved and especially to our students.

Sincerely,  
José L. Carrión  
Superintendent of Schools