

## HOW CAN PARENTS BE READY?

Parents should discuss with their children an emergency plan of where to go in the event of an early dismissal. Parents should prepare their child for an early dismissal by identifying a neighbor's house where their child can go if they cannot be home. The name, address, and telephone number of this person should be on file with the principal of your child's school.

In case of an early dismissal, it is requested that parents do not drive to school to pick up children that normally ride the school bus. The additional traffic created around the school and on local roads makes the safe transportation of students to their homes much more difficult.

## WARNING

A severe winter storm could develop unexpectedly during the school day. Despite an early dismissal schedule, weather conditions and traffic problems could result in children arriving home well past their normal time.

If this type of situation should occur, the district will, through our principals, on the website, and local radio stations, keep parents apprised of the time when they can expect their children home.

School bus drivers maintain radio contact with the transportation office. If a severe winter storm is forecast during the school day and there is good reason to believe that the storm will disrupt the safe transportation of students to and from school, **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED.**

Due to the traffic that flows through our community, schools may have to be closed more often than in the past due to snow. Even moderate snowfalls can cause severe traffic problems that make it very difficult for buses to keep to their schedules, especially if roads become hazardous during the school day.

We hope this brochure assists you in understanding all that is involved in our school district's attempt to deal with winter storms, and provides you with the necessary information to prepare for the snow season and possible school closing emergencies.

## NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT EMERGENCY CLOSING NUMBER

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LISTEN TO RADIO STATIONS:  
*WBCB - 1490 AM, KYW - 1060 AM*  
*WPST - 94.5 FM*

or watch

NESHAMINY NETWORK TELEVISION  
(NNTV)

*Comcast Cable - Channel 28 and*  
*Verizon FiOS Channel 43*

or view the urgent information section of the  
Neshaminy webpage at [www.neshaminy.org](http://www.neshaminy.org)

The transportation information in this brochure pertains to public, parochial and private school students.

Most of our schools have School Information Telephone Lines that are available 24 hours a day. Call your child's school to obtain the numbers and codes. You may call to find out about school closings, early dismissals, and other school events.

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# NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION



## WHAT TO DO WHEN IT SNOWS

## OR WHEN WE EXPERIENCE

## OTHER

## WEATHER OR SCHOOL

## EMERGENCIES

The purpose of this brochure is to provide you with the information necessary to be prepared for the closing of schools due to weather or any emergency.

### WHO IS WATCHING THE WEATHER?

The Superintendent and school administrators carefully watch the weather conditions during the snow season. The extent to which snowfall affects the operation of our schools and bus transportation varies with the amount of snow that accumulates. The time of day the snow occurs and the weather conditions during and after a storm are also factors that must be considered.

### WHERE DO THEY GET THEIR INFORMATION?

Our school district personnel listen to the same weather forecasts you do. Our sources of weather information are radio and television broadcasts. The local police are contacted regarding road conditions.

### WHAT FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED WHEN MAKING THE DECISION TO CLOSE SCHOOLS?

- \* Weather forecasts from radio and television/Internet/fax alerts.
- \* Local police information on road conditions.
- \* Assessment of road conditions by the Director of Transportation.
- \* Accessibility to school buildings and parking lots by the Director of Facilities.
- \* Time snow starts and amount of snow.
- \* Expected impact on traffic.
- \* Weather conditions expected after the snow.

### WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

Dr. Louis T. Muenker, Superintendent of Schools, is responsible for the **final** decision. His decision is based on the information received from the sources noted and the recommendations of the Business Administrator and the Director of Transportation.

### WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE?

The decision to close school must be made by 5:30 a.m. so that radio and television stations can be notified.

### HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

Radio is the official source for notifying all students and parents that schools are closed because of weather conditions. Radio stations will give the Neshaminy School District number, **752**, if school is closed because of poor weather conditions or any other emergency.

WBCB	1490 AM	LEVITTOWN
KYW	1060 AM	PHILADELPHIA
WPST	94.5 FM	TRENTON

Dr. Muenker will post on the District website any information he has about a decision to close or delay school. The information will be in the Urgent Information section of the main page of the website at [www.neshaminy.org](http://www.neshaminy.org)

Also, **Neshaminy Network Television (NNTV)**, has 24 hour weather and Neshaminy school closing information if necessary. This can be viewed on Comcast Cable Channel 28 and Verizon FiOS Channel 43.

Your local television stations are also notified shortly after a decision is made regarding closing of schools. You may tune to Channels 3, 6, 10, 17, 29 or 69 for information as well.

### FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON SCHOOL CLOSINGS.....

Listen to your radio. Do not call the schools unless it is an emergency.

### DELAYED OPENING OF SCHOOL

Weather conditions may be such that delaying the opening of school by one hour or two hours will be necessary.

Notification of a delayed opening will be communicated in the same manner as a school closing. When school opens 2 hours late, morning kindergarten will be canceled.

Buses will arrive at stops one or two hours later than usual and school will begin one or two hours later.

### WHAT IF THE WEATHER BECOMES SEVERE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?

It is possible that snow will begin and accumulate to several inches while students are in school. This may result in the dismissal of students approximately one to two hours earlier than normal. Morning kindergarten students may be detained and go home on the afternoon neighborhood buses in an early dismissal situation. If there is an early dismissal, all activity buses are canceled as are all after school and evening activities.

### WHAT IS THE EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE?

Neshaminy High School – Dismissed 1<sup>st</sup> followed by Middle Schools:  
Maple Point Middle School  
Poquessing Middle School  
Sandburg Middle School  
Elementary Schools - Dismissed Last  
Afternoon Kindergarten - will be canceled

The purpose for this schedule of dismissal is so that older students will be home to care for younger brothers and sisters. Dismissal times will depend on weather and road conditions. **SAFETY IS ALWAYS OUR PRIME CONSIDERATION.**