



# BELLE VERNON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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Dear Families and School Community,

## **Procedures for weather related 2-hour school delays, school cancellations & Flexible Instruction Days (FIDs)**

The decision to close or delay school is never easy. It is a careful evaluation of several variables that involves many individuals. Our primary objective is to ensure that students can safely travel to their bus stops and our buses can navigate the roads carefully. Each weather occurrence is unique and a delay, closure, or FID depends on several variables such as road conditions/maintenance, weather timing, power, heat, and internet outages.

Early in the morning, communications between the Transportation and Facility departments occur with local municipal leaders to discuss road conditions, police and emergency calls, the progress of the snow removal and school functionality. The district also subscribes to several region-specific weather reporting agencies including NOAA and the National Weather Service. More often than not, we also have several employees who are out driving the roads between 4:45am-6:00am to assist with our final determination.

Decision target times:

5:30am - Decision to delay OR close and issue a FID

7:00am - Decision to close school and issue a FID after issuing a delay

Once a determination is made, we simultaneously report delays, cancellations and FIDs via local media, our website, district social media platforms, and our emergency notification system.

If school is cancelled/closed all students will implement the predetermined FID procedures. Each school website has and will communicate Flexible Instruction Day expectations to students and families. Please contact the school office if you are unable to locate your FID requirements.

During a 2-hour delay, cancellation/closure or FID, all BVA resident children (including parochial, private, non-public, Career and Technology Center schools) will follow the same transportation schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Timothy S. Glasspool'.

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