



Dear RSU 16 Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

When weather predictions indicate hazardous travel conditions, RSU 16 administration will make one of the following determinations for school - close, one-hour delay with no AM Pre-K, two-hour delay with no AM Pre-K, or early release with no PM Pre-K.

If you have supplied your child(ren)'s school with current phone numbers, you will receive an automated message indicating which action we have taken. We will notify the following television and radio stations: WCSH (Channel 6), WMTW (Channel 8), WGME (Channel 13) and WMME (92 Moose Radio). We make every effort to contact the media with notifications by 5:30 AM but cannot guarantee that the media will publish the announcement by that time.

If school is closed, the school buildings are closed, and extracurricular activities and school meetings are canceled. On rare occasions, if weather and road conditions significantly improve throughout the day, some activities and meetings may be reconsidered, and those decisions will be made by 11 AM.

We will limit the necessity to call for an early dismissal. If that should happen, however, you will be notified via our automated calling system and notifications will be sent to the television and radio stations. If early dismissal is needed, the decision will be made by 11:00 A.M. Please ensure that your child(ren)'s school is notified of the alternative childcare arrangements that you have made for your child(ren) before snow season.

If school is open and mid-day conditions present short-term hazardous conditions, afternoon Pre-K may be canceled. In those instances, AM Pre-K students will stay at school all day and be dismissed at the end of the regular school day. You will receive notification of this by our automated calling system or a phone call from your child(ren)'s school.

Due to early release on Wednesdays, two-hour delays are not an option because students are not in school long enough for the day to be educationally effective. There would only be a one-hour delay, or we will be closed altogether.

As parents, you always have the final decision. If you are concerned for your child(ren)'s safety, please keep him/her home. We do ask that you call the school and let them know. You may not always agree with our decision to cancel or postpone our schools' starting time after a storm. Unfortunately, there is no exact science to these decisions, and it is simply a decision based on the best information available after consulting with weather data, our transportation directors, local road commissioners, and area superintendents. Please keep in mind that there is a vast array of road conditions in RSU #16 and we may have to cancel or delay school when others around us may not do the same. Safety is our priority and we will err on the side of caution when considering the transportation of our precious children.



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Tina Meserve, Superintendent

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Respectfully,

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