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Dear RSU 16 Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

This is a letter to acquaint you with our "school closing" announcement procedure.

- 1) If the weather becomes bad enough and there is a possibility that we may **close school**, you will be notified via **an automated calling system** to all contact numbers we have in your child's file. We also urge you to listen to the following TV and radio stations:

**WMTW (CHANNEL 8 TV)''''WCSH (CHANNEL 6 TV)''''WGME (CHANNEL 13 TV)''''WMME (92 MOOSE)**

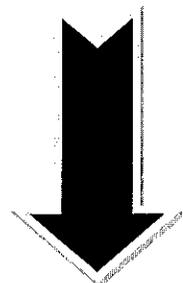
We will try to contact the TV and radio stations by 5:30 a.m., but cannot guarantee the announcement will be aired by then. **Please see reverse side to be automatically contacted via a text message from NEWS CENTER 6.**

- 2) It is necessary that the school office, in the building where your child attends, is notified of the alternative childcare arrangements that you have made for your child(ren) **before snow season**. Buildings will be closed to all activities when school is canceled. When school is canceled, there will be no practices for any extra-curricular activity.
- 3) In certain circumstances, we may simply **delay school** to allow the town crews to plow, sand and salt the roads to make them safe. When this happens, all morning buses will run late (usually one hour). School will still close at the regular time.
  - **If school is delayed in the morning on a WEDNESDAY, there will be NO EARLY RELEASE. Students stay until regular release times.**
  - **If school is delayed on any morning, there will be NO morning PreK.**
- 4) Once school has started, I will make every effort to limit the necessity to call for an **early dismissal**. If that should happen, however, you will be notified via an automated calling system and all announcements will be made on the radio and TV stations listed above. If early dismissal is necessary, the decision will be made by 11:00 a.m.
- 5) As parents, you always have the final decision. If you feel it is too dangerous for your child(ren), please keep him/her home. We do ask that you call the school and let them know. You may not always agree with my 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 best guess on my part at 5:00 a.m. after consulting with our transportation director, road commissioners and area superintendents. Because there are some unusually hilly and sharp turning roads in RSU 16, there may also be a few occasions when I will cancel or delay school when others around us may not do the same. I will err on the side of caution when transporting our precious children.

I would like to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Respectfully,

*Kenneth J. Healey*  
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## NEWS CENTER TEXT ALERT



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Just enter your contact information and select the information categories you want to receive. An authorization code will be sent to you as a text or e-mail message. Enter the code online to complete the process. Simple!  
If you have a problem, or don't see your school in our list, email us at [alert@wcsh6.com](mailto:alert@wcsh6.com).

### **Is there a fee?**

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### **When will I get the alerts?**

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