

SCHOOL CLOSINGS, DELAYS, & CANCELLATIONS

There are many reasons that a school day may be delayed, closed early, or cancelled. There are a series of steps that lead to the various decisions that must be made. It is sometimes an easy and sometimes a difficult call, and although the roads or conditions might be very good in one area of town, they can be vastly different in another or even road to road in the same town. Therefore, this letter is being sent out to give you some insight into how the decision-making process works here in SAU 83, and to inform you about how the SAU will attempt to notify you and how you can keep yourself informed.

SITUATIONS FOR THE CLOSURE/DELAY OF SCHOOL

Conditions	Input from	Decision	Notifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclement weather in the a.m. • No power, heat or water in any or all of the school buildings. • Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Road Agent • The Bus Coordinator • Superintendent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To open school on time • To have a 2-hour delay, no morning Preschool • To close for the day/no after school or evening activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AlertNow (formerly Blackboard) Message by ~5:30am • Television – WMUR
Conditions	Input from	Decision	Notifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM Weather Forecast of conditions change • New information is received 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Road Agent • The Bus Coordinator • Superintendent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To close for the day/no after school or evening activities • To close pm preschool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AlertNow Message by ~7:30am • Television – WMUR
Conditions	Input from	Decision	Notifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather conditions develop during the school days that indicate a potential safety concern during the normal afternoon bus route run 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Road Agent • The Bus Coordinator • Superintendent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To close for the remainder of the day/no after school or evening activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 1.5 hours before the designated dismissal, an Alertnow message will be sent • Television - WMUR
Conditions	Input from	Decision	Notifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended power or water outage • Multi-day emergency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local and NH Emergency Management Personnel • The Road Agents • The Bus Coordinator • Superintendent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To open school on time • To have a 2-hour delay/no morning Preschool • To close for the day/no after school or evening activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AlertNow Message by ~9:00pm • Television – WMUR

MORNING EVENTS – WEATHER EVENTS and/or AM POWER OUTAGES

~4:45-5 am

- The Fremont Road Agent confers with the Superintendent about the conditions of the roads on which the school buses must be able to safely operate to run their routes. They discuss the ability of the buses to run safely during both the morning and afternoon routes depending upon the forecast.
- If the road agent states that the roads will be passable in time for both morning and afternoon runs and the bus company agrees. We will have school on time.
- If the road agent states that the roads will not be passable to run on time, but can state with considerable certainty that the roads will be passable in time to run a 2-hour delay (and also make the afternoon runs) and the bus company agrees, there will be a two-hour delay*.
 - If there is a 2-hour delay, and conditions or circumstances change requiring the call for a full snow day**, that call will be made by ~7:30am.
 - If there is a 2-hour delay, there will be no morning Pre-School.
- If the road agent states that the roads are not passable for the morning run on time, with a delay, and/or the afternoon run forecasts as being a potential problem, a weather-related closing day will be called.

~5:30 am

In the event that a 2-hour delay or a weather related closing day is necessary, the Superintendent sends an AlertNow message to the staff and student phone number/emails listed in the online system. A message will be posted on WMUR as soon as possible.

~7:30 am

If there is a need to call off the full day after the decision for a delay has been sent, that message is sent out on AlertNow at ~7:30 am. WMUR will be alerted as soon as possible.

EXTENDED POWER OUTAGES and/or OTHER EVENTS WHICH MAY CLOSE SCHOOLS

Should there be an extended power outage (over two or more days); the Superintendent will meet with local emergency preparedness personnel to determine when the schools can be opened. Parents and Students will be notified of the closing and/or resumption of schools through an AlertNow message by ~9:00 pm the evening before schools will reopen. WMUR will be alerted simultaneously.

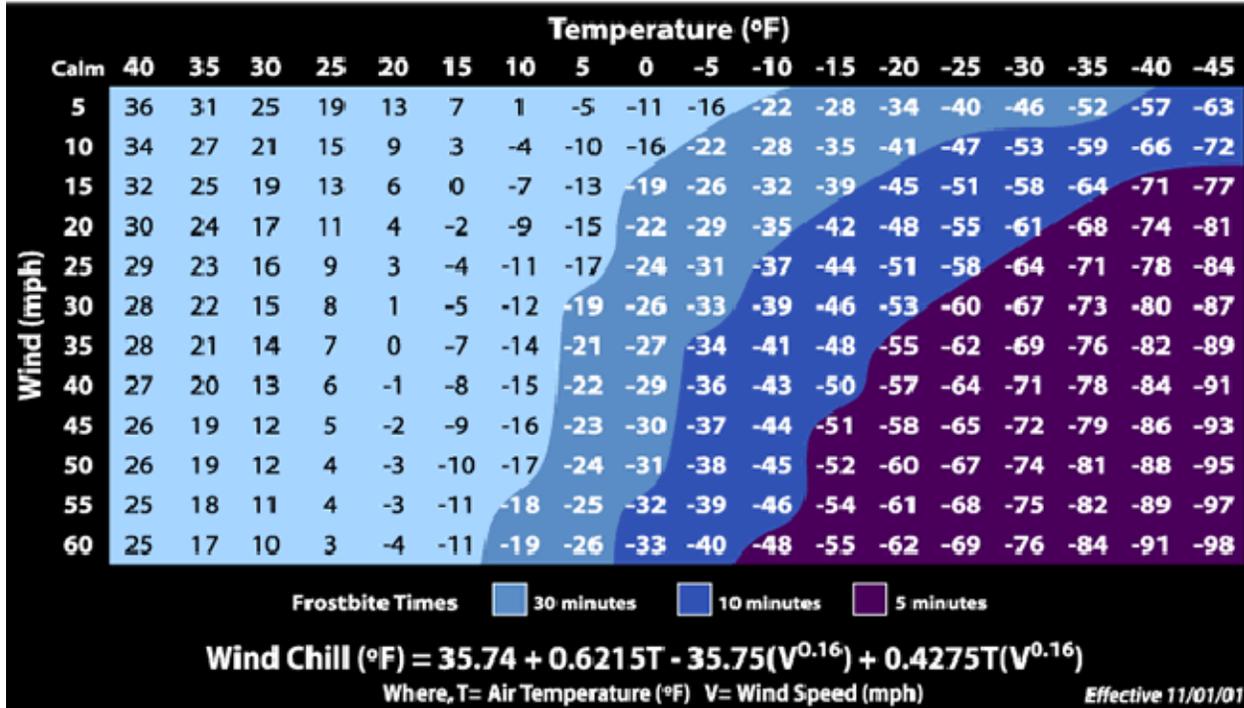
DELAY DECISIONS MADE FOR EXTREME COLD WEATHER CONDITIONS

If extreme cold weather conditions are predicted based on actual or wind-chill temperature, the guiding factor for the decision will be the amount of time that the students will be exposed to temperature conditions before frostbite sets in. Based upon the 2015 National Weather Service Windchill Chart – (<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter/windchill.shtml> shown below), a two-hour delay will be called

for school if temperature conditions show that a ten (10) minute bus wait may result in frostbite (the dark blue range). “Safer” being defined as a reasonably longer window of health safety for waiting at the bus stop should the bus be delayed.



NWS Windchill Chart



* There will be no morning Pre-School if there is a two-hour delay.

** There will be no extra-curricular activities or meetings (sports, drama, school board, etc.) on days when school is closed for the day or dismissed early.