

## Superintendent's Corner

As the leaves turn color and fall from the trees, it is inevitable that weather reports will begin referencing inclement weather in our not-too-distant future. The superintendent has the responsibility to close schools, open them late or dismiss them early in hazardous weather or in other extraordinary circumstances which might endanger the health or safety of pupils or school employees.

Many factors come into play when making these decisions. A careful analysis of all relevant factors is completed in consultation with school, township, and regional resources. This process can begin days ahead of an anticipated storm but ultimately plays out in the very early morning hours with decisions made by 5:30am so that the communication plan can be put into action to ensure all families and staff receive word.

Now is the time for families to review their plans for responding to these school closing events so that in the event that the phone call comes, plans can be implemented quickly to ensure that children are supervised appropriately.

Messages about emergency school closings or delays will be communicated through all available channels - print and online media outlets, radio station 1450am, broadcast television stations 2, 7, and 12, the district's Facebook and Twitter accounts, [www.warrentboe.org](http://www.warrentboe.org), the district's telephone system, and through our school-to-home communication system, School Messenger.

Adjustments to the school calendar create challenges for everyone associated with the schools. Ultimately the decision to close or delay will be made based solely on whether it is in the best interest of students' and staff members' health and safety. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. Let us now hope that all inclement weather falls on weekends and during school breaks!

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