



MEMO – RASD WEATHER DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

To: RASD Staff, Students, and Families
From: Heather McMahon-Vargas, RASD Superintendent
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Each year school districts across Pennsylvania deal with inclement weather and the impacts of such hazards on the daily operations of schools. Decisions are made by superintendents for the purpose of ensuring the health, safety and welfare of all students and staff during inclement weather. When inclement weather impacts a District's ability to safely get staff and students to or from school, Ridgway will use a 2-hour delay; 3-hour delay (NEW THIS YEAR), cancellation, or an early dismissal.

MAKING THE WEATHER CALL THE NIGHT BEFORE:

Being able to notify staff, students and families of a weather delay or cancellation the night before is ideal, but not always possible. When a call is going to be made the night before, the notification will go out by 9 pm that evening via GLOBAL CONNECT.

MAKING THE WEATHER CALL THE MORNING OF:

DELAYS and CANCELLATIONS

- 4:30 am The RASD Superintendent conducts road checks of Montmorenci, Evergreen, Grant, and Laurel Mill. Mr. Muccio conducts road checks of 219 and Boot Jack. The Superintendent consults with Mr. Delhunty, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and Mr. Muccio between 4:30 – 5:00 am.
- 5:00 am Elk County Superintendents consult with one another and conduct a final consultation with their own transportation contractors. RASD staff receives an EARLY WARNING EMAIL FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT NOTIFYING OF THE POTENTIAL FOR A DELAY. This occurs because RASD recognizes that some staff leave their homes by this time of the morning in order to get to school, especially when weather is a concern.
- 5:20 am A final determination is made regarding health, safety and welfare based on road conditions and anticipated inclement weather.
- 5:30 am RASD Superintendent notifies administration; places a GLOBAL CONNECT call to all District staff and parents/guardians; and posts on the District Facebook Page. The

business manager notifies television and radio stations and places announcement on the District website.

➤ **2-hour delay – shifts the regular schedule forward 2 hours:**

RMHS report at 9:30 am

FSG report at 10:00 am

➤ **3-hour delay – shifts the regular schedule forward 3 hours:**

THIS IS NEW THIS YEAR and MAY BE USED AS A LAST RESORT.

RMHS report at 10:30

FSG Report at 11:00

7:15 am IF a delay is going to transition to a CANCELLATION, a GLOBAL CONNECT CALL will be made by 7:15 am. District administration will post on District Facebook page, website and contact television/radio outlets.

EARLY DISMISSAL

When the administration become aware of a weather event that requires an early dismissal, administration and transportation are consulted, time for an early dismissal is set, students are provided breakfast and/or lunch (depending on time), and a shelter in place procedure is established for parents/guardians who may not be able to make arrangements for their student's early dismissal. Parents/guardians will be notified via GLOBAL CONNECT in regards to the early dismissal situation.

Snow days will be made up in the following order:

1st November 23

2nd December 22

3rd February 17

4th February 20

5th March 17

6th April 11

NOTES:

School Events and Extra-Curricular Activities

- a. If school is closed because of inclement weather, all school sponsored activities and events are also CANCELLED.
- b. If there is an early release due to inclement weather, all school sponsored activities and events are also CANCELLED.
- c. In regards to home and away athletic events and impending weather, the AD coordinates with the superintendent and discusses concerns. The superintendent will make the determination regarding whether to play or cancel. The AD will notify all necessary parties in regards to the decision.