



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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DATE: November 5, 2018
TO: Parents/Guardians of North East School District
FROM: Dr. Frank M. McClard, Superintendent

As the winter season draws near, I want to remind you once again that the district goes through a very thorough process when evaluating weather conditions to make decisions about delays, cancellations, early dismissals or after school activities. We attempt to make this decision in as timely a manner as possible. The safety of our students and staff is always the most important consideration in this process. We also attempt to be mindful of parents/guardians and their schedules. Please know, however, that regardless of the decision made, you always have the right to keep your children at home if you feel that the conditions where you live are not safe. North East is a large school district when measured in square miles. What might be happening in your area weather-wise may not be happening in other parts of the district. Please use your best judgment in making this decision.

In most instances when the forecast is calling for abnormally inclement weather, the district will call for a two-hour delay the night before to give parents a chance to prepare. The district will utilize the parent/guardian notification program that is set up through our Sapphire student information system.

To this end, **we will conduct a trial run of this new system on the evening of Monday, November 12, 2018 between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00 PM.** If you do not receive the test call on this date at the correct phone number(s), please be sure to either log in to the new parent portal to update your contact information or contact your child's school for assistance.

In the event of an actual delay or cancellation, local radio and television stations will also be contacted. Additionally, the information will be posted on the school district's website and on the official district FaceBook page whenever possible.

Very rarely will a decision be made to send students home early once school has started unless we absolutely feel that this is the only way that we can get them home safely, especially in the event of an oncoming or unanticipated storm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 814-725-8671 ext. 3907 or contact your child's school office directly.

Thank you for working with us to provide the safest and best educational experience for your children. We truly are appreciative.



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