



Holly Area Schools

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Dear HAS Families and Staff,

The winter season recently arrived and while weather has been fairly mild thus far, we know that changes can happen quickly. In a typical Michigan winter, we can experience snow, ice, and extreme wind chills.

We will continue to make decisions regarding snow days based on ensuring the safety of all students, families, and employees during the winter months. On any given day, the roads we live or travel on might be in perfect condition, while other local roads in the district may be unsafe. Holly Area Schools comprises of 124 square miles. Because we are so large, conditions in one area of our district may be different than the conditions in another area.

A decision to close school is based on more than a weather forecast. Several factors are considered including the actual current weather and road conditions as well as the timing of possible inclement weather.

Throughout the winter season, we consistently monitor the conditions of our district's paved roads and backroads to ensure the safety of students at bus stops as well as students and staff driving to school. We are in communication with the road commission as well as our surrounding districts. Certainly, decisions based solely on a prediction are more difficult to make, thus subject to scrutiny. Therefore, we make the best decision with the information that we have available.

We recognize that this decision may not always fit with individual circumstances. Therefore, we support parents/guardians making the best decision for their family.

Our goal is to make a weather-related school closing decision no later than 5:45 am the morning of inclement weather. In some unique circumstances, we may decide earlier or even the evening prior. All inclement weather school closing announcements are done by phone and email via SchoolMessenger and placed on the district website and district social media site.

We also contact the following media outlets:

- ABC 12; NBC 25; Fox 66; CW 46; Fox 2; Local 4; ABC 7
- WWJ AM 950 and WJR AM 760

Once again, thank you for your support. We will continue to keep safety the priority for our over 3,200 students and hundreds of staff members that are part of the Holly Area Schools family.

Sincerely,

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