



January 13, 2009

Dear Parents,

This has been a most extraordinary beginning to winter in regards to school cancellations.

Given our current situation regarding scheduling missed days of school, we would like to take reasonable steps to deal with hazardous travel. Currently the administration has two options: delay school or close school. The District would like to implement a third option which would allow us to conduct school on those days when a delay would be insufficient but a closing would not be warranted due to the likelihood of improving conditions or the timing of the storm in question. Instead of delaying or closing school completely, the District would cancel morning classes and implement a special afternoon schedule that would ensure that all students receive roughly four hours of instruction. This time would be equivalent to the amount of time spent in class when there is a two-hour delayed opening. The difference is outlined in the schedule that follows.

Elementary classes will be delayed until 11:00 AM and will run from 11:00 AM to 3:15 PM. Lunch will be served.

Middle Schools and K-8 schools classes will be delayed until 12:00 noon and will run from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. No lunches will be served. Middle school sports will be cancelled.

WRHS classes will be delayed until 1:00 PM and will run from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. No lunches will be served.

There will be no morning kindergarten or pre-school.

TV stations will display the following: *Wachusett Regional School District – No morning classes, or, Wachusett Regional School District – Morning Classes Cancelled.*

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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