



ROCKVILLE CENTRE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2023/2024 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians:

During the winter months, there may be times when we either close schools or delay the opening of schools due to inclement weather. We hope that the information in this letter helps you make plans in advance (short-term child care, for example), as winter weather often provides us with very short notice.

In the event that inclement weather requires a school closing, notification to families will be sent by 6:00 AM. All school and school activities will be canceled for the entire day.

A delayed opening may occur on those rare occasions when it becomes obvious by 6:00 AM that a storm has ended (or is about to end) and the roads may be safe for travel within a few hours. By delaying the opening of school by two (2) hours, we are able to provide instruction to staff and students rather than close school for the entire day. If a delayed opening is implemented, afternoon dismissals and bus schedules remain unchanged in all schools. **NOTE: WHEN THERE IS A DELAYED OPENING, THE MORNING PROJECT GREAT PROGRAM AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS ALL SCHEDULED MORNING ACTIVITIES (SUCH AS BAND, CLUBS, AND A.M. EXTRA HELP, ETC.) ARE CANCELED.**

Information regarding a school closing or delayed opening will be announced via an automated phone call, a message on the District website, and a notification on The School Channel. Information will also be shared with radio and television stations. Below is the bus information for pick-up times should a delayed opening be announced. If you would like to add or remove a phone number or email address in our automated phone system, please contact your school's main office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your principal or my office. Here's to hoping that the number of days affected by inclement weather are minimal.

Matthew Gaven
Superintendent of Schools

Delayed Opening Schedule

	Delayed Opening	
	First Bus Pickup Starts at:	School Starts at:
Covert School	None	11:00 AM
Hewitt/Riverside/ Watson/Wilson Schools	10:30 AM	11:00 AM
Middle School*	9:20 AM	9:45 AM
High School*	9:00 AM	9:25 AM- Period 1

*No extra help on delayed opening days. If there is a delayed opening, all in-district special education pickups will be 2 hours later than usual. Announcements will begin on the following stations by 6:00 AM.

WHLI 1100 AM

WCBS-TV Channel 2

Optimum Channel 12

Fox5/WNYW Channel 5

WABC-TV Channel 7

FiOS Channel 29