

# Winter Weather Procedures

The school calendar is set up to accommodate snow days, and we encourage all of our students to get out and play in the snow if Mother Nature throws a snowball at us! In the event of a snow day, all school activities will be canceled for the day. Our procedures:

1. Prior to a “weather event” and early in the morning of an event, we gather information from a variety of sources:

- We look at forecasts from a variety of sources well in advance.
- We receive consultation and advice from [NOAA](#) (The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and local weather sources for all weather-related decisions.
- We communicate, as appropriate, with the road crews and/or police departments for both Barre Town and Barre City, as well as our contracted transportation company and our own staff who are on the roads early.
- We communicate with other school superintendents in the region to coordinate closing/delay decisions when it makes sense, realizing localized conditions and other factors may necessitate different decisions for different supervisory unions and districts.

2. Our goal is to have a decision made by 5:30 AM.

- This is not always possible, as there are many things happening quickly.
- Most often, NOAA and local weather sources help us make the decision as they get automatic input from many sources and have expertise that we do not. They consider what has happened, what is happening currently, and what is most likely to happen as the day goes on. It is rare that our own information does not align with their recommendations.
- If the recommendations have not come out by 5:30 AM, we wait a little longer.
- If we feel like we have information and circumstances that require a different decision than the experts’ recommendations, we review everything again carefully before making that decision.

3. Once a decision is made to delay or close, we communicate in the following ways:

- We’ll send out a notification through our mass communication system, **Remind**. Messages from Remind will be sent either as an email, a text message, or an app notification. Whatever you prefer.
- We post on Facebook, Twitter, web pages, and phone greetings.
- We contact the media, police, road crews, as well as food and transportation companies.