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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you that once again, Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools will utilize the two-hour delay option for inclement weather.

As a reminder, the two-hour delay presents significant challenges for school districts who bus students to a large number of schools each day. To date, Hewlett-Woodmere provides transportation to more than 90 schools, and many drivers/buses are utilized for more than one route. For this reason, the two-hour delay will only be utilized in **extremely rare circumstances**.

The two-hour delay will be announced via the same communication channels currently used during a weather-related school closing. For HWPS students, this means that parents will receive a telephone call, e-mail, and text message (if the family is signed up for each of those communication modes). In addition, the delay will be announced on our Website, Facebook Page (@HWPS14), News 12, WNBC, and WABC News.

The delayed opening means that all scheduled buses will arrive for student pick-up in the morning two hours later than their normally scheduled times. All District schools will begin two hours later than their usual start times. There is a bell schedule for each school on the Transportation section of our website (<https://www.hewlett-woodmere.net/Page/10863>). **A delayed opening will NOT affect dismissal times.**

Please understand that challenges are inevitable when utilizing the delayed opening. We ask for your patience and flexibility, particularly as the delayed opening option will be utilized infrequently. Thank you in advance for your understanding as we work to ensure that all students arrive to school safely during inclement weather.

Warm regards,

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