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Snow Storm January 7th

Dear Members of the Blind Brook Community,

The start of a new year has not ended the string of challenges that we have had to face. The latest item this week has been the weather. Wednesday was a surprisingly difficult day, and we are facing a snow storm early Friday morning.

On Wednesday morning our dedicated faculty and staff attempted to make it into school despite the icy conditions. The result was that they faced impassable roads, and many were stuck in traffic jams for hours. I am sure that many parents faced the same challenges that morning. I regret that this happened and do not want to put anyone in that position again if at all possible.

The forecast information that I have received for Friday says that the worst of the snow storm will happen during the morning rush hour. In order to avoid any potential travel issues all schools will be on a two hour delayed opening schedule on Friday, January 7th. A decision as to whether or not the schools will be open will be made on Friday morning.

The District has missed instructional days this year due to construction, power outage and bad weather. We are early in the winter season and have the possibility of more bad weather in the future. If we continue to have weather closures, I will be forced to convert days during the April spring break to instructional days as per the [student attendance calendar](#). Based on this information if schools are not able to open, we will have a remote learning day on Friday. The remote learning day would follow the two-hour delay schedule.

If there are any changes in the information that I am receiving about the weather prior to tomorrow morning, I will let you know as soon as possible. Above all, please stay safe!

Sincerely,

Colin Byrne
Interim Superintendent of Schools