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### Winter Weather School Closings and Delays 2024-25

As winter nears and the potential for weather events increases, I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone about how we will communicate when there are weather-related school closings, delays, or early dismissals, and what we will be doing when schools are closed.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

When weather conditions dictate that unscheduled closings, delays, or early dismissals are in the best interest of student and staff safety, the District will use several communication channels to notify parents, students, and staff as quickly as possible:

- **Blackboard Alert Messaging System** – Notification will be sent via automated phone calls and emails
- **District Website** – Information will be posted as an on-screen alert when you visit the District website at [www.northernpolarbears.com](http://www.northernpolarbears.com)
- **Social Media** – Information will be shared on the District’s Twitter feed [@NorthernYorkSD](https://twitter.com/NorthernYorkSD)
- **Other** – Details will also be reported to local radio and television stations

Notifications for each weather-related event will specify whether extracurricular activities including athletic games and practices will be canceled for the day.

#### SCHOOL CLOSING DIRECTIONS

1. **For the first winter-weather closing**, students and staff will have a “traditional snow day” – that is, there will be no instruction and all students and staff will simply be off. This first snow day will not need to be made up by students.
2. **For the second and additional winter-weather closings**, we will have virtual snow days – that is, instruction will take place at home and will be provided through remote learning.

Your school’s principal will be following up with you about what instructional delivery will look like on virtual snow days. Also, you can find this information on a Winter Weather Quick Link on the District’s home page.

Wishing you all a safe and fun winter season.

Thank you,

Steve Kirkpatrick  
Superintendent of Schools