



WOODBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear BRS Community:

Happy New Year! If you are looking for one more resolution to make in this New Year, we have one for you...***Please check your PowerSchool information!***

The months of January and February often bring the likelihood of school delays, early dismissals, and closures due to inclement weather. This makes January a perfect time for parents and guardians to make sure their contact information is up-to-date in PowerSchool. As you know, we rely on the information in PowerSchool to contact families in case of an illness, accident, or other emergency involving your child. We also use the information in PowerSchool to let families know about school closures, delays, or early dismissals. *Have you checked your information lately?* You may use this link, or access it on our website under the Parent Portal section <https://brs.powerschool.com/public>

It is important for parents/guardians to also list one or more emergency contacts for their child. Emergency contacts may also include family members or other trusted adults who are authorized to pick-up students from school in case of an illness, emergency, or weather-related closure when the parent/guardian is unavailable. We **MUST** have more than one emergency contact listed for your child. Please be sure you have different contact numbers for different people. Three contacts with one same phone number often is not helpful in an emergency. *How many different contacts do you have listed?*

If inclement weather is forecast for our area, I am always in close contact with local meteorologists, the Woodbridge Police and Public Work Departments, B and B Transportation, our facilities team, and our neighboring BOWA Superintendents. Our goal is to make decisions about closings and delays no later than 5:30 AM. Decisions about early dismissals are generally made by 10:00 AM. Notifications to families will follow shortly after these decisions are made. Families will be notified via school messenger phone calls and emails using the contact information in PowerSchool. Staff will be notified via phone calls and emails. This efficient system is possible only when our data is current and accurate, so please help us to best communicate with you!

Again, we welcome 2025 with gratitude for the opportunity to work in partnership with you as we learn and grow together.

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