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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Happy New Year! 2018 has arrived with a wave of snow and frigid temperatures. When inclement weather arrives, I am asked how the decision to cancel, delay or dismiss school is made. Prior to any decision, the District receives reports on the Town's road conditions, coordinates with the transportation company, monitors the weather forecast and assesses the mechanical systems of the schools. All of this is accomplished collaboratively with the goal of making the best possible decision that permits for the safety of our students and staff.

As a matter of practice, the District strives to make notification to parents/guardians by 6:00 a.m. when school is cancelled or a delay is needed. When the conditions are severe and reliable information is available, notification is made the evening prior to the school day.

The District conveys cancellation, delay and dismissal information via email, text, voicemail and the website. The information is then reported to the local news station.

In closing, I wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for understanding the challenges associated with weather-related closing, delays and dismissals.

Warm regards,

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