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DELAYED OPENING

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is important to review the procedures for bus transportation for our students for the approaching winter season. When there is inclement weather, District Administrators, Town Officials and the District Transportation Department, discuss the safety of buses taking students to school. If it is determined that buses are unable to travel safely, schools will be closed for that day or delayed for two hours if road conditions are anticipated to improve.

Please be aware that, as a result of guidance from the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Alternative Learning Days, or “Blizzard Bags”, will not be implemented for the 2018-2019 School Year.

Notices of “School Closing” and “Two-Hour Delayed Openings” due to inclement weather will be announced:

Online – Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District Facebook Page

Television: WWLP 22 News; Western Mass News CBS 3, ABC 40, Fox 6; NECN

Radio Stations – WTIC; WRCH; WHYN; WAQY

Connect Ed – Outreach Phone Calls and Text Messaging

*To Receive Connect Ed outreach phone calls and text messaging, please make sure your child’s school has the correct information.

Delayed openings are used only if they allow enough time to prepare the roads for safe transportation. Please refer to the table below for the times that students report to school when there is a delayed opening. School will be dismissed at the regular time at all schools.

School	On Time Opening	Two-Hour Delayed Opening
Southwick Regional School (7-12)	7:35 a.m.	9:35 a.m.
Powder Mill School (3-6)	8:15 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Woodland School (K-2)	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Preschool ½ day: mornings	9:00 a.m.	cancelled
Preschool ½ day: afternoons	12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Preschool Full Day	9:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.

If a parent or guardian decides that a child cannot travel to school safely due to weather conditions, the child may remain at home. Please provide the school with a written note when the child returns to school. We encourage you to clean sidewalks as sidewalk conditions also impact student safety on icy and snowy days. The Towns will be working on streets to ensure safe transportation.

It is also important to remember buses may need to drive more slowly so buses may be late in arriving at bus stops.

At times, hazardous conditions affect isolated streets. In these circumstances buses may be prevented from normal pickups. Parents are encouraged to send their children to school by other means if it is safe to do so.

We will give very serious consideration to all decisions made regarding the transportation of students. Please remember that student safety is important to us all. We ask for your support. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer C. Willard
Superintendent