

Good morning,

I hope this message finds you well and that you have had a great holiday. As you know winter is here and, inevitably, winter weather arrives as well. Just a friendly reminder that when our region is expected to experience inclement winter, Taunton Public Schools will inform parents/guardians as soon as possible about delayed starts and/or cancellations. This information will be announced the evening prior so long as the meteorological information we have at that time allows us to make an effective decision. We realize that earlier calls assist families in the planning of alternative means of transportation, child care, etc., however exact timing, weather tracks, and snowfall totals cannot always be determined the evening before every weather event. In some cases, delayed starts or cancellations may have to be made in the morning hours. We encourage all parents/guardians to proactively make alternative arrangements for all pending inclement weather situations that may impact the school day.

We also encourage parents/guardians to refrain from comparing weather-based decisions made by our neighboring communities (i.e. Bridgewater-Raynham, Dighton-Rehoboth, Norton, etc.) to those of our District. Each town or city has its own unique set of factors that are taken into consideration when determining delays or cancellations. Please know that our district works very closely with both safety officials and the Taunton Department of Public Works in the monitoring of potential storms and their impact on safe travel conditions. Also consider that all weather-related decisions are made based upon the safety and well-being of our students and staff. With that in mind, we also stress that we are educators, not meteorologists, and that we make decisions based upon the best information we have at the time. I thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in regard to these matters.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions and/or concerns at 508-821-1201 or via email at jcabral@tauntonschools.org

Respectfully,

John J. Cabral
Superintendent of Schools