



School Administrative Unit 21

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope that you and your students are having a terrific school year at Barnard, Lincoln Akerman, North Hampton, Seabrook Elementary, Seabrook Middle, and/or Winnacunnet High School.

This letter is designed to provide you with important information regarding the upcoming winter months, when the unpredictable nature of our weather may necessitate adjustments to the school day and our busing schedules. Please review the following information carefully so that you will understand the various changes that we may make to the schedule, as well as where you can best receive the most up-to-date, accurate information regarding weather-related modifications.

Changes to the Schedule

School Cancellation. In situations where student safety may be jeopardized for an extended period of time, school will be canceled for the entire day. Remember, parents/guardians always have the right to use their better judgment when we hold school on bad weather days, depending on conditions in your particular location.

Delayed Openings. In other situations, school opening may be delayed by two hours (thereby allowing time for early morning snow removal and ice control to occur and/or weather to improve). If there is a two-hour delay:

- **Preschool.** Morning preschool in all districts will be canceled. Afternoon preschool will be held. Afternoon preschool buses will operate on a normal day schedule.
- **Kindergarten.** South Hampton kindergarten classes will be canceled. Kindergarten in Hampton Falls, North Hampton, and Seabrook will operate on the two-hour delay schedule used for other grades at the school.
- All other students should be at bus stops two hours later than normal. Walkers and students being driven to school should arrive at school two hours after their normal time.
- Hot lunches will be served in all schools having school lunch programs.

Early Dismissal. On very rare occasions it may be necessary to dismiss school early. This decision will normally be made the night before the school day on which it will occur, except in the case of an emergency. If there is an early dismissal:

- There will be no afternoon preschool.
- All after-school activities will be canceled.
- The YMCA after-school programs in Hampton Falls, North Hampton, and Seabrook will be canceled.
- The SAZ and SeaStars programs in Seabrook will be canceled.
- The following dismissal schedule will be utilized: Hampton Falls (11:30 a.m. dismissal); North Hampton (12:15 p.m. dismissal); Seabrook Elementary and Middle (12:00 p.m. dismissal); South Hampton (11:55 a.m. dismissal); and Winnacunnet (11:56 a.m. dismissal).

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Schedule Change Announcements

The best source for the most up-to-date information regarding school closings and schedule changes is available by following me on Twitter at @lupinibill_supt. In addition, announcements will be posted on the SAU and individual school websites:

- SAU #21 www.sau21.org
- Hampton Falls www.sau21.org/las
- North Hampton www.northhamptonschool.org
- Seabrook Elementary www.elementary.seabrooksd.org
- Seabrook Middle www.middle.seabrooksd.org
- South Hampton www.sau21.org/barnard
- Winnacunnet www.winnacunnet.org

Notification will also be sent to parents and employees using the SchoolMessenger system in all districts. Finally, we will also post information related to school cancellations, delayed openings, and early dismissals to the following television stations:

- WBZ Channel 4 Boston
- NECN Channel 6 Boston
- WHDH Channel 7 Boston
- WMUR Channel 9 Manchester

Other Important Information

Three (3) other important notes:

- Do not call your local fire or police department(s) or the school bus company to find out if school is canceled or a delayed opening is in effect. Their lines must be kept open for emergencies.
- It is important that you not drop your child or children off at school at the regular hour if school is canceled or a delayed opening is in effect. There will not be anyone present at the school to provide supervision.
- Parents, particularly those of younger children, should make arrangements in advance for the care of your children in the event of an early school closing.
- Thank you for your assistance and cooperation with these important weather related issues. Please feel free to call our offices at 603.926.8992 if you have questions about anything explained in this letter.

My best to you and your family during the upcoming holiday season.

Sincerely,



Bill Lupini
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