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To develop students who are competent and creative thinkers,
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To: All Parents, Guardians and Staff
From: John D'Auria, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Subject: School Announcements for Inclement Weather
Date: November 3, 2008

In the event of inclement weather, the Superintendent will make every effort to notify parents, guardians and staff of a school cancellation/delayed opening as soon as possible. In some cases it will be possible to issue a notification the preceding night. Usually, however, the decision has to be made in the early morning hours, and no later than 5:30 AM. Under certain circumstances, the Superintendent may choose to delay the opening of the school for one hour, ninety minutes or two hours rather than canceling school altogether.

The following plans will be in effect for inclement weather:

- A. If weather conditions are severe, school will be canceled or delayed. The "NO SCHOOL and DELAYED OPENING" announcement will be carried, by radio station WHDH-AM and WBZ and for television stations please check your local cable guide and station website. For the purpose of inclement weather announcements, the CONNECT ED telephone notification system will be utilized when all contacts have been properly tested and verified.

Please check our website www.cantonma.org for inclement weather notification.

- B. NO SCHOOL – All classes and school activities canceled for the day, including scheduled evening classes, recreation program, etc.
- C. DELAYED OPENING – Morning bus pickup and the start of classes postponed one hour, ninety minutes or two hours. However, meals, afternoon dismissals and all other school activities will take place at their regularly scheduled times. The Kindergarten AM session AND Pre-school will be canceled on days of "DELAYED OPENING", but afternoon session will be held.

DELAYED SCHOOL OPENINGS FOR SERIOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS

School	1 Hour Delayed Start	90 Minute Delayed Start	2 Hour Delayed Start
Peter Hansen	9:25 AM	9:55 AM	10:25 AM
John F. Kennedy	9:25 AM	9:55 AM	10:25 AM
Rodman Building - Preschool	No AM Program 12:30 PM	No AM Program 12:30 PM	No AM Program 12:30 PM
Dean S. Luce AM Kindergarten	10 AM No AM Program	10:30 AM No AM Program	11 AM No AM Program
PM Kindergarten	12:44 PM	12:44 PM	12:44 PM
Galvin Middle School	8:45 AM	9:15 AM	9:45 AM
Canton High School	8:20 AM	8:50 AM	9:20 AM

Under these circumstances, all bused students will be picked up one hour, ninety minutes or 2 hours later than usual. On that day, schools will be dismissed at their regular times: High School at 1:44 PM, Middle School at 2:05 PM, Kennedy School at 2:40 PM, and the Luce and Hansen Schools at 3:15 PM. Lunch will be served at the regular times in the cafeterias of each building.

- D. EARLY RELEASE IMPENDING STORM – Quickly changing weather conditions might lead the Superintendent to declare an early release of students so that the buses will be able to complete their routes before the weather worsens. **Please develop an appropriate plan for child care to address a possible early release from school.**

EARLY RELEASE IMPENDING STORM

Early Release	Hansen	JFK	Luce	GMS	CHS	St. John's
FDK-5	11:35	11:35	12:10	X	X	11:50
6-12	X	X	X	11:00	10:30	12:10

- E. PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT or the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ASK ABOUT "NO SCHOOL" or "DELAYED OPENING" announcements. Each of these departments must make and receive many important telephone calls of an emergency nature and your telephone call only interferes with the performance of their duty at a critical time in the morning.

Parents are reminded not to attempt to send their children to school early on days of the "DELAYED OPENING" SINCE THE SCHOOL YARD MAY NOT BE PLOWED NOR WILL STAFF BE AVAILABLE TO SUPERVISE EARLY ARRIVALS.

Should you have any questions regarding the content of this notice, please feel free to contact the Building Principal of the school your child attends for further clarification.

- F. STAFF
Teachers and other non-teaching staff will report according to the delayed opening schedule. Custodians/Maintenance personnel will report to school at their regular time, unless otherwise instructed.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.