

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
Nick Markarian

Winter and the inevitable snow and icy roads are approaching. This pamphlet will outline school procedures in weather emergency situations. The schools will be open as scheduled, except in the event that roads are so hazardous that travel would endanger the children and staff.

Please read instructions carefully and retain this information in a location where it will be readily accessible to assist you in the event of a weather emergency. Special attention should be paid to Delayed Opening instructions to avoid any confusion in the event that you have children in more than one school. For the 2020-21 school year, the delayed opening start and end times have been modified. School buses will be on a 2-hour delay.

I hope this information will prove helpful to you through the coming months. We thank Janet Lubaszka, Transportation Coordinator, and the wonderful bus drivers for their most important contributions. By working together, we can keep the schools open whenever possible and our children safe.

There are now 2 ways to receive emergency notifications.

1. **INSTANT ALERT** – The Instant Alert system is an automated phone notification system. If you have previously signed up, your information will carry forward to this school year. Please go to our website to make any changes to the phone numbers on record, to add additional numbers, or to sign up if you have not already done so.
2. Visit our website at www.bernardsboe.com for information on delays and closings.

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CEDAR HILL SCHOOL 100 Peachtree Road, Basking Ridge Nurse's Office	204-2633 ext. 103
LIBERTY CORNER SCHOOL 61 Church Street, Liberty Corner Nurse's Office	204-2550 ext. 104
MOUNT PROSPECT SCHOOL 111 Hansom Road, Basking Ridge Nurse's Office	470-1600 ext. 142
OAK STREET SCHOOL 70 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge Nurse's Office	204-2565 ext. 103

**Bernards Township
Public Schools
WEATHER
EMERGENCY GUIDE**



**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND
RETAIN THESE INSTRUCTIONS
FOR REFERENCE.**

IN CASE OF A WEATHER EMERGENCY, THE
FOLLOWING NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE MADE:

**INSTANT ALERT-AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE
CALLS AND EMAILS TO REGISTERED FAMILIES**

RADIO/TV STATIONS

that broadcast school closings & delayed openings

NJ 101.5 - www.nj1015.com
NEWS 12 NJ - www.news12.com
WABC Channel 7 - www.abc7ny.com
WNBC Channel 4 -
www.nbcnewyork.com
Fox 5/WNYW - www.fox5ny.com
District website -
www.bernardsboe.com

SCHOOL CANCELLATION



The decision is made by 5:45 AM by the Superintendent, with the advice of the police and road departments. We urge you to check the websites listed below and/or the announcements broadcast on radio and TV. In the event of a school closure, instruction might continue in a fully virtual format. A decision will be issued with the closure message.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

On days when school is canceled in Bernards Township, no transportation will be provided for Out-Of-District students.

ABOUT THE TELEPHONE

The general message on each school's phone will announce any changes in the school day as a result of inclement weather or other emergency.

PLEASE NOTE Non-public school students who ride on Bernards Township school buses should follow their individual school instructions for procedures in the event of a weather emergency.

DELAYED OPENING



This decision is also made by 5:45 AM when the weather is forecast to clear and the police and road department personnel believe that the roads will be passable. We urge you to check www.bernardsboe.com, and/or radio/television announcements as listed on the cover of this flyer. On days when there is a delayed opening, all buses will pick up students approximately 2 hours later for Ridge, Annin, and all elementary schools. For students in the blended learning program who are scheduled to attend school in-person when there is a delayed opening, the following schedule will apply:

DELAYED OPENING



SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Cedar Hill, Liberty Corner,
Oak Street and Mount Prospect
Start Time: 10:45AM
Dismissal Time: 3:00PM

William Annin Middle School
Start Time: 9:45AM
Dismissal Time: 2:15PM

Ridge High School
Start Time: 9:35AM
Dismissal Time: 2:05PM

On a delayed opening, there is no instruction before school start times.

CHANGE OF PLANS

If the forecaster was wrong and weather and road conditions do not improve, it may seem wise to cancel school for the day instead of having a delayed opening. In this case, the radio and TV stations will be notified. This decision is made by 7:30 AM.

PALS SCHEDULE

Delayed Opening:

AM program will be canceled for the day.

PM students will be picked up at the usual time.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

When the roads are determined to be safe, Out-Of-District students will be transported to their respective schools.

VO-TECH SCHEDULE

The AM & PM VoTech bus will arrive at its normal time unless VoTech is closed due to weather conditions. If it is an emergency delay due to weather and road conditions, then the AM VoTech bus will follow the Ridge High delay schedule. Otherwise, it will arrive at its normal time.

EARLY DISMISSAL



Since the district is currently operating on an early dismissal schedule, if there is a weather emergency when a student is attending school in-person, they will be dismissed at their usual time:

SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Cedar Hill, Liberty Corner,
Oak Street and Mount Prospect
Start Time: 8:45 AM
Dismissal Time: 1:00PM

William Annin Middle School
Start Time: 7:45 AM
Dismissal Time: 12:15PM

Ridge High School
Start Time: 7:35 AM
Dismissal Time: 12:05PM

On an early dismissal, there is no instruction after school dismissal times.

PALS SCHEDULE

Early dismissal:

AM students will leave school at 11:45 AM.

PM program will be canceled for the day.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

Schools will release these students on an individual basis. Parents should contact these schools for their early dismissal procedures.

VO-TECH SCHEDULE

The PM VoTech bus will arrive at its normal time unless VoTech is closed due to weather conditions.