

TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SCHOOL CLOSING OR DELAY

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The potential for school closings and delays may occur during the 2023/2024 school year. The determination as to whether school is closed or delayed begins at approximately 4:00 a.m. School district employees assess the road conditions by driving school district areas. Other area school and city officials are consulted before the final decision is made to delay or close school.

Generally, I will follow the recommendation of a number of school and other officials and make the decision to close or delay school by approximately 5:45 a.m. As soon as the decision is made to delay or close school, an automated Blackboard Connect message will be sent to parents/guardians and staff members. To allow for a successful automated phone system process to occur, please assist us in making sure your contact information with current phone number(s) is updated. Kindly update your contact information at your child's school if anything has changed since you submitted information at the beginning of the school year.

In the event of a <u>delayed start</u> to school, that delay will be a two-hour delay. Bus schedules will be adjusted by two (2) hours and the schools will begin two hours after their regularly scheduled start times. The school day will end at the normally scheduled time. A delay is called if we believe that conditions may clear enough for us to have school. Parents/guardians should continue to monitor TV and radio stations because the possibility remains that if the conditions do not improve, school may be cancelled for the entire day. Also, a second Blackboard Connect message will be sent if, in fact, school closes for the day.

Morning school bus service to the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) and morning Preschool classes will be cancelled in the event of a delay or closing. Private school transportation will also be on the two-hour delay schedule.

It is important for parents/guardians to have a plan in place in the event of a school delay or closing. Children tend to adjust to the situation if you have reviewed your family's plan ahead of time.

Thank you for allowing us to educate your child/children. We will continue to utilize school delays or closings with the students' best interests and safety in mind. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely yours, Kathi Powers, Superintendent

