DUXBURY Public Schools

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Dear Duxbury Community,

Winter weather is upon us, and with that comes the potential for delayed start times or school cancellations. Here is a reminder of our typical "delayed start" and "no school" protocols.

- During any stormy weather, we are in constant communication with the Duxbury DPW for updates on local road conditions.
- During windstorms, we are in contact with the DPW, DFD, and Eversource if parts of Duxbury are experiencing power outages.
- Every effort will be made to alert families and school department staff members of a delayed start or school cancellation at or before 5:30 AM the morning of stormy weather days.
- If extra time is needed to treat the roads and school parking lots, a 2-hour delay may be called. When this occurs, add 2 hours to the time your child's bus typically arrives for pickup. School start times during a 2-hour delay are as follows (school dismissal times will not change):
    - Alden- 9:45 AM
    - DMS/DHS- 10:20 AM
    - Chandler- 11:10 AM
- When a 2-hour delay is called, AM preschool will always be cancelled.
    - On these days, Magic Dragon and Chandler Breakfast Club will also have a 2-hour delay from their typical opening time.
- Families will be notified of a school cancellation or 2-hour delay via a recorded phone message, text message, email, and social media. We also announce 2-hour delays or school cancellations on local Boston news stations and WATD.
- If we are certain that significant snow and dangerous road conditions are headed our way, we may *occasionally* cancel school the night before a storm. This is rare, and most often, school cancellations or delays are decided the morning of the weather event.
- If our schools are without power, school will be cancelled.
- If the power goes out during the school day after students have arrived, families will be notified and provided with frequent updates on potential emergency early dismissal plans. Dismissing students early due to power outages is always a last resort, and we do everything we can to work with Eversource to regain power in our schools as soon as possible.
    - As an FYI- Alden School and parts of Chandler have limited or no generator power. The generator power at DMS and DHS allows the lights and kitchen to function; however, the plumbing will only work for a few hours before the system backs up.

We will always communicate with families frequently during tricky winter storms. Our goal is to have students in school whenever possible, but we never want to place our students, families, or staff at risk when road conditions are dangerous.

Sincerely,
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