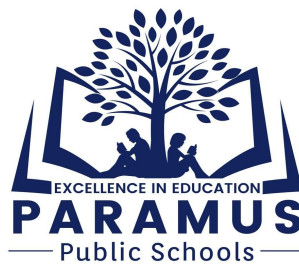


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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

**In the event of severe weather conditions or other emergencies necessitating the closing of schools or the delayed opening of schools**, the announcement will be made on the following:

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| Television: | WNBC Channel 4   | WABC Channel 7  | NEWS 12 New Jersey |
| Internet:   | <a href="http://www.paramus.k12.nj.us">www.paramus.k12.nj.us</a> | <a href="http://www.News12.com">http://www.News12.com</a> |                    |

Parents/Guardians will be advised of school closings via the SchoolMessenger communication system. (Please be sure that your Genesis contact information is kept updated.) A recorded telephone message will be available by calling 201-261-7800 that will advise of any emergency closings or delayed openings. When possible, we shall also be placing emergency closing information on the district website.

#### **Weather-related and Emergency Closings - School Hour Adjustments**

1. **School Closing** - Schools will be closed all day. Offices will be closed. The Champions before-and-after-school-care program will be closed.
2. **Delayed Opening** - All bus schedules and school openings will be **2 hours later**. Please review this with your children, i.e., high school schedule will start at 9:45 a.m., middle schools at 10:00 a.m., and elementary schools at 11:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center (ECC) morning-only classes and the Champions before-school-care program will be cancelled. Full-day Early Childhood classes will follow the 2-hour delay and will open at 11:00 a.m. The Champions after-school-care program will be open. There will be no change in dismissal times.
3. **Early Dismissal** - School will be closed after a minimum day session--the high school at 12:05 p.m., the middle schools at 12:12 p.m., and the elementary schools at 1:10 p.m. Early Childhood Center (ECC) afternoon-only classes and the Champions after-school-care program will be cancelled. The full-day Early Childhood classes will follow the early dismissal and will close at 1:00 p.m. At the pre-K to grade 8 level, attempts are made to contact parents through the SchoolMessenger communication system. Please make arrangements with your child's school for an alternate/additional contact in the event we are unable to contact you. Again, it is critical for parents to have their emergency contact email and telephone information updated.

Every effort will be made to keep schools open. However, parents should use their judgment since weather conditions in Paramus vary. Parents are encouraged to make alternate childcare provisions in the event that school is dismissed early.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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