

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 a delayed opening, 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. School Messenger Communicate is an automated system that will send phone, email and text messages. There is no need to sign up for School Messenger. Contact information is taken from the Genesis student information system and loaded into School Messenger. Therefore, please keep your contact information in Genesis up-to-date.
2. Visit our website at www.bernardsboe.com for information on delays and closings.

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RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL 268 So. Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge Nurse's Office	204-2585 ext. 151
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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:

**SCHOOL MESSENGER COMMUNICATE -
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, there will be no before or after care program at the middle and elementary schools.

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.

DELAYED OPENING



SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Cedar Hill, Liberty Corner,
Oak Street and Mount Prospect
Start Time: 10:45AM
Dismissal Time: 3:15PM

William Annin Middle School
Start Time: 9:45AM
Dismissal Time: 2:20PM

Ridge High School
Start Time: 9:35AM
Dismissal Time: 2:25PM

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



Students will be dismissed early only in extreme situations. In a rare instance of an early dismissal, the decision is made by 10:30 AM. **Creating a family emergency plan is critical.** Please be sure your children fully understand what to do and where to go for refuge if they should arrive home and find you not there. This is important—not only for their well being, but also for your own peace of mind as we cannot guarantee that you will receive notification of the early dismissal.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Cedar Hill, Liberty Corner,
Oak Street and Mount Prospect
Start Time: 8:45 AM
Dismissal Time: 12:45PM

William Annin Middle School
Start Time: 7:45 AM
Dismissal Time: 11:45AM

Ridge High School
Start Time: 7:35 AM
Dismissal Time: 11:45AM

On an early dismissal, there is no instruction after school dismissal times and no after care. Lunch will not be served on these days.

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.