

UNION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Winter Weather Watch

2019-2020 School Year

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Winter weather will arrive soon. When snow or other inclement weather conditions are predicted, the safety of Union Area School District children becomes a prime concern for parents and school personnel.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS, DELAYS OR EARLY DISMISSALS

If school is to be delayed, cancelled, adjusted, or a Flexible Instruction Day (FID) is required, you will receive telephone notification through the ONE CALL NOW SYSTEM and the decision will also be broadcasted on **KDKA-TV** (Comcast Ch 2), **WPXI-TV** (Comcast Ch 11) or the following **AM radio stations**: WKST (1200), WILLIE FM 95.1 and ESPN 1280 WUZZ-AM. You can also get school delays/cancellations online at WPXI.com (click on weather and scroll to school closings/delays)

On days when weather conditions cause only minor delays for school buses, students are asked to wait a maximum of 15 minutes at the bus stop. However, the waiting period is at the parent's discretion, depending on wind chill factor, etc.

One or two hour delays in school starting time may be made when weather conditions warrant. If road conditions worsen during the day and it is not possible to properly maintain the roads, students may be delayed in arriving home. There may be advanced warning during the school day of potential weather conditions that would warrant closing school at an earlier time. **PARENTS WHO ARE NOT HOME DURING THE DAY SHOULD MAKE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S SHELTER IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.**

The school District will make every attempt to safely transport students to and from school. However, parents must decide whether or not their child can withstand the weather to wait for the bus and go to school. When school is open but a parent feels that the weather conditions make it inadvisable to send their child to school, the parent may keep the child home. Send a brief written excuse when your child returns to school. Such absences will be considered excused.

The district anticipates utilizing FIDs when necessary and appropriate, however, if a make-up day is required, they will be utilized in the following order (please refer to your school calendar) : January 20, 2020, February 17, 2020, March 16, 2020, April 13, 2020