

Process for Determining Delays, Closures and Early Dismissals

On days that we have impending weather we begin tracking the weather the night before. During that time, we access several websites (weather.com, Accuweather, NOAA.gov, PA511.gov, weather underground, etc) to track the path, intensity and timing of the weather.

Lebanon County superintendents conference to determine whether to delay or close school. This decision is made by 5:15 AM. If it is determined that there will be a two-hour delay or closure, the call goes out to parents/guardians through SchoolMessenger at 5:30 AM. Radio and television stations are notified at that time. If the decision is made the night before, then the call then goes out as soon as that decision is made.

When we have a two-hour delay and are still unsure of the weather, at 6:45-7:00 AM the Lebanon County superintendents begin to conference again to decide whether conditions are severe enough to close. If we decide to close, a SchoolMessenger call is sent to parents/guardians.

In the event of inclement weather that happens while school is in session, Lebanon County superintendents contact each other to decide if an early dismissal is warranted. We try to make this decision around 9:00 AM. As soon as this decision is made, the buildings principals rearrange schedules to allow all students to have lunch before sending them home. AM Kindergarten stays to have lunch and rides the buses with the first and second grade students from Cleona. A SchoolMessenger call is sent to parents/guardians.

If a bus is delayed (10 to 15 minutes), a SchoolMessenger call is sent to parents/guardians of the particular bus that may be delayed.