

## **PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS AND DELAYED OPENINGS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

### **1. How do parents find out if there is a school cancellation or delay due to weather?**

- Once a decision has been made about either canceling school or delaying school opening, we take the following steps:
  - Call the three major TV channels and the area radio stations that post this information. Parents can then check the scroll at the bottom of the TV channels to see the status of RMMS.
  - Mr. C sends out a Connect-Ed message to all parents/caregivers. It is important that parents give the school updated information about the contact number they would like the school to use. In the future, we will only use one number for these calls. If you are not receiving this call, please let the school know so we can check into it.
  - The information about school closure or delay is posted on our website once we have the information.
- It is important that you do not rely only on the Connect-Ed communication. Please check your local TV/radio stations.

### **2. How is it decided whether RMMS will be delayed or cancelled?**

- We follow the decision made by New London Schools District since our building is located in New London.

### **3. What if New London cancels or delays and other towns that send students to RMMS are not delayed or cancelled?**

- This can create a challenge to parents.
  - If New London cancels, then RMMS cancels and all students stay home, even if other schools in the town where you reside are open.
  - If New London has a delay but the town where you reside has cancelled (you need to check the status on TV or Radio of your town's schools), the bus company from that town will not provide transportation to RMMS and parents would have to provide their own transportation to and from school for that day.
  - If New London has a delay, but your town does not have a delay, transportation will be provided to RMMS at the delayed time for of all towns except Groton and Waterford, which will pick up the children at the regular time. This does not often happen. In these cases, we will make sure that there is someone at RMMS who can supervise the children.

### **4. What is the procedure for dropping off students on delayed opening days?**

- A delayed opening is almost always 90 minutes. This means that instead of the normal drop-off time being 8:15-8:45AM, the drop-off time for delayed openings is ninety minutes later: 9:45 – 10:15AM. Students should not be dropped off on delayed opening days before 9:45AM. Because most of our staff travels a long distance from home to get to RMMS, there is no supervision before that time. Although it understandably creates an inconvenience for some parents, you are asked to make arrangements for your child ahead of time in these circumstances.

### **5. What about breakfast on delayed opening days?**

- Breakfast is not provided on delayed opening days. 10:00AM is too late for your child to be eating breakfast and lunch block starts at 11:00AM. Please arrange to have your child eat at home on these mornings.

If parents/caregivers have additional questions about school cancellations or delayed openings, please email the school at [sbondy@rmms.12.ct.us](mailto:sbondy@rmms.12.ct.us)