

The Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township

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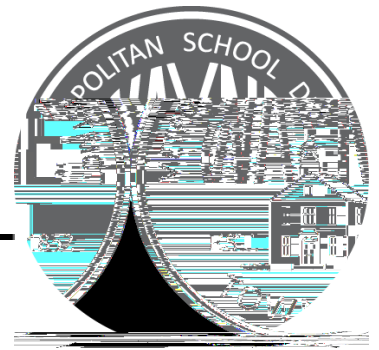
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Dear M.S.D. of Wayne Township Parent/Guardian,

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As we all know, Indiana weather can be very unpredictable. This year, you will be hearing from me often and

may even wonder a time or two how I make the decision to delay, cancel, or have an eLearning day. It is rarely an easy decision and one that I make with a great deal of thought.

Attached to this letter are two documents that I hope you will review and keep close during these upcoming months. You can also get the most up-to-date information on X @ WayneTwpSuper, [Facebook](#), [M.S.D. of Wayne website](#), Parent Square, or any of our local media outi

will most assuredly result in our buses being delayed by drivers navigating wet, snowy, slushy, or icy roadways. If you have sidewalks in your neighborhood, please encourage your neighbors to keep their walks cleared of snow and ice during these winter months. In addition, please remind your children that while they may see vehicles approaching, the drivers may not see them. Being aware of their surroundings is even more important when the weather is poor.

Finally, we would like to have your children in school every day that we are in session. However, we will always respect your decision as a parent when it comes to the safety of your child(ren). Together, we will continue to provide great opportunities for our children and prepare them for their future successes.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey K. Butts, Ph.D.
Superintendent



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When snow has accumulated to a significant level or is at such a level with more snowfall predicted, then the decision regarding school may be made the previous evening. A significant level is one in which local authorities have indicated it is unlikely streets will be passable by the following morning. This is an unlikely, but possible occurrence.

Temperature prediction is increasingly accurate. The M.S.D. of Wayne Township uses the hourly temperature predictions for its zip code from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (noaa.gov). If the air temperature is predicted by NOAA to be -10 degrees or below (the starting point for wind chill concerns with calm wind) at 7:00 a.m. the school will consider a two-hour delay for the start of school. If the air temperature is predicted to remain is wind school

Utility issues (gas, electricity, water) may cause a school to close. Issues associated with cold, including water supply to a building and electricity to a building or neighborhood, may cause school to be cancelled.

The M.S.D. of Wayne Township adopted calendar includes 182 instructional days, two more than required by the Indiana Department of Education. If weather conditions result in an unsafe environment for students and staff to attend school, the first two days will result in the school closing and students not attending. These days will not need to be made up.

In 2020, during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board of Education approved five (5) eLearning days to be used after the two days of school closure due to inclement weather. Please refer to the District Snow Day (Inclement Weather) / eLearning Day Communications linked on our website.

