

Office of the Superintendent

September 2010



Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

In the event of severe weather conditions or other emergencies necessitating the closing of schools or the delayed opening of schools, the announcement will be made on the following:

Radio station	WCBS News 880 WINS Radio (1010)
Television:	WNBC Channel 4 WNYW Fox Channel 5 WABC Channel 7 News 12 New Jersey (Cable)
Internet:	www.paramus.k12.nj.us www.wcbs880.com www.nbcnewyork.com

Parents/Guardians will be advised of school closings via the “Instant Alert” notification system. (Please be sure to keep your Instant Alert file updated with any changes to your contact information.) A taped telephone message will be available by calling [201-261-7800](tel:201-261-7800) that will advise of any emergency closings or delayed openings. When possible, we shall also be placing emergency closing information on our website.

Weather-related and Emergency Closings - School Hour Adjustments

1. School closing - Schools will be closed all day. Offices may be open. SACC will be closed.
2. Delayed opening - All bus schedules and school openings will be **2 hours later**. Please review this with your children, i.e., high school will open at 9:45 a.m., middle schools at 10:30 a.m., and elementary schools at 11:00 a.m. Morning SACC will be closed. Afternoon SACC will be open. There will be no change in dismissal times.
3. Early closing - School will be closed after a minimum day session--the high school at 12:05 p.m., the middle schools at 12:42 p.m., and the elementary schools at 1:10 p.m. At the K-8 level, attempts are made to contact parents through the Instant Alert system. Afternoon SACC will be closed. Please make arrangements with your child's school for an alternate/additional contact in the event we are unable to contact you. It is critical for parents to update their school emergency contact and Instant Alert telephone numbers.

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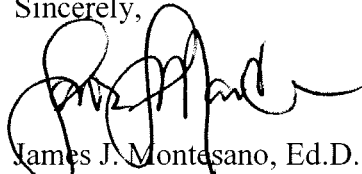
The Mission of the Paramus Public Schools is to develop all students as open-minded, life-long learners, who pursue their dreams and add value to the world.

4. Modified early dismissal - High school students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. instead of 2:31 p.m. This helps ensure that the buses that are then reused to transport elementary and middle school students are better able to return to these schools as close to 3:00 p.m. as possible. There may be times when we will allow buses to leave the elementary and middle schools up to 15 minutes early due to weather conditions. Walkers will be dismissed at the regular dismissal time of 3:00 p.m. **Afternoon SACC will be closed.**
5. Special programs - Given conditions, morning and afternoon early childhood and preschool handicapped classes may be canceled. All before and after-school activities and late buses may be canceled.

Every effort will be made to keep schools open. However, parents should use their judgment since weather conditions in Paramus vary. Parents are encouraged to make alternate childcare provisions in the event that school is dismissed early.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,



James J. Montesano, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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