



Mount Pleasant Area School District

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Guidelines for School Delays and Cancellations

Dear Parents & Guardians:

This correspondence serves to inform you of general guidelines relative to either the delay or cancellation of school. Student safety will always be our primary concern. *There will be days when school is in session while roads may be snow covered and the temperature is quite cold.* It is critical in such days to ensure that your children dress appropriately for the weather and that any and all drivers exercise caution.

Every effort will be made to have the announcement for a delay prior to **5:45 a.m.** on the day of school or at times the prior evening. There may be times it is necessary to change from a delay to a cancellation. In the event that a change from a delay to a cancellation is required, every effort in that case is made to have the announcement prior to **7:45 a.m.** We encourage all families to continually check our communication sources on days that there may be a question about road conditions or extreme cold.

The Mount Pleasant Area School District uses the Blackboard Connect call system to communicate with families and continually updates the website and Home Access Center with E-Alerts. These forms of contact serve for weather related as well as non-weather related delays, cancellations or schedule changes.

The Blackboard Connect system uses phone numbers and emergency numbers that you provide to your child's school. If you are not receiving messages or need to update any of your information, please be certain to contact your child's school. The following media outlets can also be used for notification of delays and cancellations:

School Access Channel 39/203
MPASD Website: www.mpasd.net
Home Access Center – "Today's News"
Local TV Stations: KDKA, WTAE, WPXI
Local Radio Stations: AM 1020

Early dismissals are rare and will only be called in the event of an extreme emergency. *We encourage all families to have a plan in place should it be absolutely necessary to have an early dismissal.* On such occasions, the Blackboard Connect system will be used to notify parents. Should there be a situation that requires children to be moved to another building or evacuation area, parents will likewise be notified through the call system. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Respectfully,

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