



COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are planning for anticipated school delays, cancellations, or early closings due to the effects from severe weather. This letter contains some important information that you will need to know so that safety can remain our number one priority for all Cooperstown CSD students and staff. Each Principal depends upon your cooperation to collect information using the “Emergency Early School Closing Form” enclosed in this letter. This form should be completed, signed, and returned to Tracy Durkee, Elementary Principal, by October 20, 2021. Please know that you can always notify the school, in writing - at any time during the year, of a request to changes in destination/ drop-off after this date.

The process for school closings is carefully planned. The Cooperstown CSD Transportation Department and I consult with Town and Village Highway Departments, weather reports from several official sources, and Superintendents from some of our contiguous school districts when deliberating a decision to close or delay school. Discussions begin as early as possible in the process so that a decision can be made as early as possible to address a variety of safety concerns and accommodate parents’/caregivers’ schedules.

When school is closed for any reason, the official announcement will be sent via *Thrillshare* and will be posted on our school Facebook page and website www.cooperstowncs.org. Closings are broadcast over several local radio and television stations. Please refer to the “School Closure Procedure” section on page 16 of the District Calendar. Individual telephone contact will not be made. Please subscribe for email or text message alerts through the District website. Our main office in each building will be more than happy to assist you. In general, the District will not close *early* due to inclement weather; doing so potentially creates several very real unsafe situations for students.

Cooperstown CSD will conduct its annual Emergency Early Dismissal Drill on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. This drill is conducted per Commissioner’s Regulation 155.13 in which all students will be dismissed 15 minutes earlier than normal dismissal time. We will complete the drill by 3:00 PM for anyone who needs or wishes to return to the building for any reason.

Please be advised that in accordance with Section 155.17 of New York State Education Law, the district has a series of other emergency plans for incidents requiring immediate evacuation separate from those where we can transport students by bus. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you should have any questions, please give my office a call.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Spross".

Sarah Spross
Superintendent of Schools