

TO: All Parents

SUBJECT: WINTER WEATHER AND SCHOOL

Veazie Community School maintains a policy of keeping school in session under all conditions with a few exceptions. One of those exceptions is when weather and road conditions are hazardous and therefore jeopardizing student safety. In general, when bus schedules are disrupted due to road conditions, schools will not be in session. Regardless of our decision to open or not open schools, we respect the right of parents to make the decision not to send your child(ren) to school when you feel their safety is at risk due to travel conditions. In these cases, the absence will be excused when we receive a note from you stating you chose to keep your child at home for safety reasons. NO SCHOOL announcements will be made using our automated phone system, broadcast on local radio/TV stations as early as is possible and posted on our website and school Facebook & Twitter pages (you do not need to have a Facebook or Twitter account to view the information on this page):

<https://www.facebook.com/veaziecommunityschool>

Under most circumstances children are kept in school for the full day once they have reported to school. Early dismissal of students would occur only when weather conditions would appear to be too hazardous to remain the full day, or when travel conditions are predicted to significantly worsen prior to normal dismissal times. In this case, students would be dismissed early. Parents who are not at home during the day should make alternate plans for their child(ren) and make the school aware of these emergency plans. Advance planning for a neighbor, friend or family member to care for your child(ren) if they are dismissed early is critical. We may also delay the start of school if travel conditions so warrant. This too might require advance planning on your part if your child(ren) are not boarding the bus at their usual time.

I STRONGLY URGE all parents to make plans in advance before the winter season.

Feel free to call my office (947-6573) if you have questions, or if we can assist you with making plans for your child(ren). The safety and wellbeing of your child(ren) is most important to us.

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

Matthew Cyr

Veazie Community School Superintendent & Principal