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## **Procedure for Closing or Delayed Opening of School**

On days of inclement weather, when schools must be closed or a delayed opening would permit the District to transport children safely, **notification will be made through the District's automated telephone system** and also broadcast on the following stations: CHANNEL 12 TV NEWS; WABC CHANNEL 7 TV News; WALK (97.5 FM / 1370 AM); WBAB (102.3 FM); WBLI (106.1 FM); WBZO (103.1 FM); WHLI (1100 AM).

If schools will have a delayed opening of one or two hours, bus transportation will follow the delayed schedule. For example, if a child usually boards a bus at 8:10 AM, the delayed time would be either 9:10 AM (for a one hour delay) or 10:10 AM (for a two hour delay). The delayed opening procedure also applies to all North Babylon children who attend private and parochial schools. School will end at the regular time and transportation home will follow the regular afternoon bus schedule.

Ordinarily, North Babylon Schools will NOT DISMISS STUDENTS EARLY unless a severe weather condition exists. In the unlikely event of an early dismissal, parents can assist in ensuring their children's safe arrival at home by:

- (1) Being on alert that an early dismissal **might occur** when afternoon weather conditions appear questionable;
- (2) Expecting a telephone call through the District's automated notification system;
- (3) Listening for announcements on the above-mentioned stations;
- (4) Making certain that the Emergency Contact Card is on file in the school and is updated with all current telephone numbers; and

We are confident that these procedures will provide safe conditions for our students and staff on questionable weather days, while minimizing interruptions to our children's education.