

## **DISTRICT PROCEDURES FOR WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Weather conditions can change rapidly in the winter months. When weather is potentially threatening, Alton administrators constantly monitor forecasts and the condition of roads, parking lots and sidewalks.

With this in mind, we would like to provide parents with information on district procedures in the event of school closures or early dismissals due to inclement weather. The three options exercised by the district can be:

### **EARLY DISMISSALS**

In the event that local weather conditions deteriorate rapidly during the school day, the District may be forced to dismiss early in the best interest of the safety of our children. Early dismissal notification procedures are as follows:

- \*Parents receive phone call from the automatic dialer.**
- \*Email notifications are also sent.**
- \*Notification will be posted on the district website ([altonschools.org](http://altonschools.org)).**

Please have a plan in place for your child in the event school closes early. Because winter weather is difficult to forecast, you may also pick up your child earlier than the planned dismissal time if you believe conditions will deteriorate.

In the event of early dismissal, schools will dismiss under the following schedule:

Elementary Schools - 12:25 p.m. release time  
Middle School - 1:15 p.m. release time  
High School - 1:05 p.m. release time  
MAC - 12:30 p.m. release time  
ECC - No p.m. classes

### **DELAYED START**

The second option the District may use is a Delayed Start Schedule for early morning weather concerns. With a delayed start, all schools will begin 2 hours later than normal. For example, elementary schools normally begin at 8:00 a.m. but under a delayed start due to weather, they would begin at 10:00 a.m. Bus pick-up times would also adjust to approximately 2 hours later than normal times. This option is only considered if weather situations are not severe and the two-hour delayed start would allow streets and sidewalks to be cleared or temperatures/wind chills to slightly increase.

In the event of a delayed start, the following schedule will be used:

Elementary Schools - 10:00 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.  
Middle School - 10:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
High School - 10:35 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.  
MAC - 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
ECC - No a.m. classes

### **SCHOOL CLOSURES**

In the event that the Alton School District elects to close school for the entire day due to poor weather, information will be provided through the following means: **phone call from automatic dialer, district website, Facebook posting, parent email, and through local media including WBGZ Radio – 1570 AM, KMOX Radio – 1120 AM, KMOV Channel 4, KSDK Channel 5 and Fox 2 Now.**

As a final reminder, please contact your child's school office if you need to update contact information such as phone numbers, emergency contacts or email addresses. Having the correct contact information on file will ensure you receive prompt notification for these events.

Thank you!