



## BETHEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL DELAYS/CLOSINGS

1. The Superintendent monitors weather reports the evening prior to and early morning on the day of predicted inclement weather. The concern for student and staff safety is paramount.
2. The Director of Transportation contacts the Bethel Park Police Department for an assessment of road conditions prior to 4 AM and reports to the Superintendent.
3. The Director of Transportation then conducts an on-site assessment of weather conditions and visits the school sites before reporting to the Superintendent by 4:45 AM.
4. Based on the information received, the Superintendent decides if a school delay or closing is deemed necessary and then activates the communication system by 5 AM.
5. The Director of Facilities then directs the appropriate staff to prepare building roadways, walkways, parking areas, etc. for staff/student entry. Special attention will be given to the High School campus throughout the day.

**NOTE:** Delaying school is always preferable to closing, but the safety of staff and students is always the determining factor. While the decision to delay or cancel will not always be satisfactory to everyone, it is based on current weather conditions and immediately available information. Please be aware that sometimes weather conditions may deteriorate hours after the decision to delay has been made at 5 AM. Once students have left their homes for their bus stops and staff has left their homes to arrive at school, it is extremely difficult to change a decision from a delay to a cancellation of school. The Bethel Park School District will do everything possible to ensure that students arrive safely at school and are returned safely to their homes at the conclusion of the school day.

The Bethel Park School District will notify parents and staff using the Alert Now Telephone Notification System as soon as the decision is made to delay or cancel.

Delay/Cancellation information is also obtainable on the following:

- KDKA-TV
- WTAE-TV
- WPXI-TV
- KDKA-AM
- [www.bpsd.org](http://www.bpsd.org)
- The Bethel Park Information Line: 412-854-8407
- The Bethel Park Twitter Page: [www.twitter.com/bpsdinfo](http://www.twitter.com/bpsdinfo)