

MILLINOCKET AND SCHOOL UNION 113

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TO: K-12 Parents In-Town Millinocket and Union 113
FROM: Sara C. Alberts, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: November 2, 2009
SUBJECT: **WINTER WEATHER AND NO SCHOOL NOTICES**

There may be times during the winter months in the Millinocket and School Union #113 areas when the roads will be too icy or dangerous to transport students. If school is to be **canceled or delayed**, announcements will generally be made between 6:00 & 6:30 a.m. on the radio and TV stations listed below.

On some occasions a mid-day dismissal may occur. When this situation arises students will generally be dismissed after lunch on the same schedule as a regular early release day. Announcements will be made on the radio. Please establish a plan that your child will **know how to follow** should any of these situations occur this winter.

Delays, no school announcements and mid-day dismissals will be announced on the following radio and TV stations:

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| <i>WSYY</i> | - Millinocket | <i>WEZQ 92.9</i> | - Ellsworth | <i>AM-620</i> |
| <i>Q106.</i> | - Bangor | <i>WLBY TV (2)</i> | - Storm Center, Bangor | <i>104.7</i> |
| <i>Z107</i> | - Bangor | <i>WABI TV (5)</i> | - Bangor | |
| <i>MAGIC 95.7</i> | - Ellsworth | <i>WABC (7)</i> | - Bangor | |
| <i>AM 91.0</i> | - Bangor | <i>KISS 94.5</i> | | |
| <i>WWBX</i> | - Bangor | <i>WKIT-100.3</i> | | |

People often ask how decisions to cancel, delay or dismiss early are made. Decisions are made between 4:45 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. based on the best available information at that moment in time including:

1. Review of most recent radar conditions for the area,
2. Reviewing current weather reports and forecasts,
3. Conversations with people who are on the road checking conditions including bus managers, town crews or police departments, if the latter two can be reached,
4. School yard conditions,
5. Conversations with Superintendents in the Region III area,
6. Conversations with school grounds employees,
7. Knowledge of where employees are traveling from.

Within about 15 minutes we use this data to determine if we can safely transport students to school and later get them safely home.

We know, despite what forecasters and radar show, conditions can change rapidly. If you as a parent ever feel it is not safe to send your child to school, **this is your decision** . Just send a note with your child the next day explaining that in your best judgment, you did not feel it was safe to send your child to school.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 746-3500.