

The Oakland Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

With the cold weather fully upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the District procedures in place for days we experience inclement weather conditions. Delayed opening procedures allow our students and staff sufficient time to travel to school as well as to allow additional snow plowing or road treatment as needed. The decision to delay school opening is based on our consulting with the Oakland Police Department, DPW, District Administration and neighboring school districts. Safety is always at the forefront of all decisions.

Our main communication to provide information regarding a delayed opening/minimum day and/or school-closing is the Reverse 911 Notification System. **Please be sure your contact information on RealTime [our District Notification System] is accurate and up-to-date.** (If you have any questions, please contact the secretaries at your school office.)

The following delayed opening schedule is in place for the 2018-2019 school year:

Elementary Schools will start one hour and thirty minutes
(1 hour 30 minutes) later than normal with a start time of 10:30AM
Valley Middle School will start one hour and fifty minutes
(1 hour 50 minutes) later than normal time with a start time of 9:50AM

Middle school buses will pick-up students approximately two hours later than the regular schedule (for example if your normal pick up time is 7:15am you can expect the delayed time to be approximately 9:15am).

Preschool-grade 5 bus students will be picked up approximately one and one-half hours later than regular school days (for example if your normal pick up time is 8:15am you can expect the delayed time to be approximately 9:45am)

Please anticipate more time for buses [pick-up and drop off times.] If you decide not to have your child transported by the school bus, please inform us by telephoning Ms. Toni Gillert at 201-337-6156 as soon as possible.

Please remember our main objective is to be sure your child arrives safely to and from school.

We appreciate your continued partnership.

Educationally Yours,

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