



BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents:

Outlined below is Barrington's Emergency Dismissal Plan (Storm related). This plan will be put into effect should schools need to be closed due to the onset of a serious storm.

EARLY DISMISSAL EMERGENCY PLAN

(Storm Related)

In the event that a situation arises when students must be dismissed during the course of the day and schools closed, the following plan will be put into effect:

1. The decision will be made by the Superintendent of Schools or his designee at least one hour before the action is taken. He will make this decision after checking with 1) the Police Chief; 2) the Director of Public Works; 3) the Transportation Manager; 4) the Transportation Manager for Special Education; and 5) weather information source.
2. After the decision to dismiss is made, the Superintendent and members of the Central Office staff will notify the principal of each building, informing him/her of the early dismissal time.
3. The Superintendent will then notify the following radio/tv stations of the early dismissal time.

CHANNEL 6	WHJY-FM (94.1)	WWBB-FM (B101)
CHANNEL 10	WHJJ-AM (920)	
CHANNEL 12	WSNE-FM (93.3)	

4. Walkers on all levels - elementary through high school - will be dismissed by the building principal at the announced early dismissal time.

5. If the decision for an early dismissal is made in the morning, an announcement regarding cancellation of afternoon kindergarten will be made on the media.
6. Schools will be dismissed in the following order:
 - A. Barrington High School
 - B. Barrington Middle School
 - C. K-3 Elementary Schools
 - D. Hampden Meadows School
7. Parents should make arrangements for an alternate destination for their children in the event of an early dismissal. In the event of early dismissal, a serious problem could be created for the child who is dismissed from school and has no other destination after arriving at an empty or locked home.
8. In the event of a serious storm warning that has had widespread announcement, parents who choose to should feel free to pick up their children as early as possible.

Finally, although not a part of the early dismissal plan, parents should feel free to use their own judgment as to whether their children should attend school on days when there is a possibility of a serious storm.

Please take some time to discuss the possibility of an early dismissal with your children and the alternative arrangements you have made with friends.

Sincerely,



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