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The mission of the Verona Public Schools, the center of an engaged and supportive community, is to empower students to achieve their potential as active learners and productive citizens through rigorous curricula and meaningful, enriching experiences.

Emergency Closing Days Information and FAQ's

Who makes the decision to close, delay the opening or dismiss early?

The Superintendent makes the final call to close or adjust the day

What goes into the decision making process?

Beginning the day before a storm, the Superintendent discusses the options with: the Director of Buildings and Grounds, the Verona DPW Superintendent, the Chief of the Verona Police Department and superintendents from surrounding districts. We consult two local weather subscriptions and then plan for the next day. When the decision is made in the morning the process starts over again at 4:30 AM. We try to make the call by 6:00 AM or earlier.

What factors go into determining a delay or closure?

The time the storm hits and the duration are important considerations as well as the type of precipitation- for example- will there be ice? Road conditions at the time and road conditions at drop off and pick up are considered. Sometimes we will call for a delay to buy more time and then close if the conditions worsen. If this is the case we will inform the public.

How will I find out about the decision?

We utilize several methods of communication. 1. Message posted on www.veronaschools.org, 2. Automated phone call, text and email, 3. Police use the horn in the center of town. If you have not received these calls, emails and/or text messages please contact Mrs. Cindy Costanza ccostanza@veronaschools.org .

As you can see we rely heavily on information that is not exact (weather forecasting) but we can assure you that the safety of the students and staff is the primary concern. As a rule, and barring unforeseen emergency circumstances we will not call for an early dismissal unless we give parents notice prior to the start of school. Once the students are in the buildings we will keep them the full day. (Unless there is a real emergency)

As always please contact me with your suggestions and/or comments. sforte@veronaschools.org