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Dear Parents and Guardians of the Warren Hills Regional School Community,

Although the weather is currently very warm, it is important to review our district emergency closing procedures especially with fond memories of last winter! During the school year it may become necessary to close schools when poor road conditions prevail or in response to other emergency situations. If school must be closed, closing information will be communicated to your homes via our automated phone system and posted on our district homepage (www.warrenhills.org). In addition, the following local radio and television stations will also broadcast information:

- WRNJ-1510 AM
- WOR-710AM (www.WOR710.com)
- WVPO-840 AM
- WFMZ-100.7 FM
- 96.1 FM
- WODE-99.9 FM
- WSBG-93.5 FM
- New Jersey 101.5 FM
- Channel 257 (Comcast)
- Allentown - WFMZ-TV (www.WFMZ.com)
- News 12 New Jersey.

The practice of delayed openings may be utilized when it is anticipated that early morning conditions will improve by mid-morning. Delayed openings will be announced in the regular manner as outlined above. **Delayed openings will begin at 9:30 a.m. at both the middle school and high school. On delayed opening days, school dismissal will be at 2:25 p.m.** Parents and students should continue to listen for further developments even after delayed openings are announced in case changing weather conditions make the delayed opening undesirable.

If it is necessary to close schools during the school day prior to the normal dismissal time, the automated phone system will be activated as well as information on the district website.

We recognize the anxiety that can be created when one student in a family is told to remain home because of weather or road conditions and another student in the same family is expected to come to school. In most instances the elementary school districts in our cluster coordinate school closings with Warren Hills Regional. The only likely exceptions would be the closing of Washington Borough or Oxford Township Elementary schools due to circumstances that affect the walking conditions for young children. Our goal is to reduce the anxiety associated with extreme weather conditions to a minimum. Because Warren Hills serves a wide geographical area, local conditions can vary considerably within our district. Ultimately, we expect that parents will assess the conditions near their own homes and make an individual judgment regarding travel. Parents may choose to keep their children at home if they conclude that local conditions are too extreme to send them to school. **These days will be considered unexcused/cumulative absences.**

If closing for emergency purposes necessitates adding days to the school calendar, the dates will be designated later in the school year. Parents who have any questions regarding emergency closing procedures are encouraged to call the appropriate school office or the central office at the number above.

Sincerely,

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