

# School Closings, Delays, AND Early Releases

The winter season will soon be upon us. Our district staff understands that our decision to delay or close school in bad weather has different affects on various families. We understand that our students are better served academically by being in school. However, we will not take an obvious risk if we do not believe it is safe for children to travel to and from school.

- We check with several sources, and at least three members of the school district staff travel the roads throughout the district before a decision is made. If school is kept open or delayed, and you believe it is not safe for your child to travel, please keep your child at home. You may call the school to get an excused absence, and your child will be able to make up missed assignments at full credit.
- We need to make the decision for any closings or delays no later than 5:30 a.m. It is never an easy call, as the weather can make dramatic changes between 5:30 a.m. and the start of school. The road conditions also are significantly different in various areas of our 82-square-mile school district.
- Lebanon City Schools communicates information about changes in the schedule by utilizing local radio and television stations, the LCS website and the automatic system that will leave a message on phones with recording systems. Please contact your building secretary if you would like to change the phone number on which you want to receive the school's message.

## DON'T FORGET WEDNESDAY:

- Please remember, we will utilize the 1-hour delay, cancellation or 2-hour delay options on Wednesdays. The difference this year is if a 2-hour delay has to be implemented on a Wednesday, the students will arrive home at the same time as any other day.



# IMPROVING *Communications,* WITH *Parents,*

Teachers will start using a new computer application to assist with parent communication. From their computers, parents can keep up to date with their student's progress and more. The online application will increase flexibility for teachers and usability for parents. Parents will be able to view grade reports uploaded by their child's teachers. As staff members become more familiar with the features of this website, assignments, study materials and calendars may also be posted.

Parents will be able to access this information from the district's current website. Information specific to each student will be sent home around winter break so that parents and students have ample time to activate their account before grade information begins to be posted.

*A message from:  
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