



Families,

It is that time to start preparing for the winter season. We believe we have a solid calamity plan in place that will ensure the safety of our students and staff during hazardous weather conditions. A few points from that plan that all stakeholders should be aware of are as follows:

**1. It is our best intention to make a call on the status of the district no later than 5:30 AM.** There are some factors that may cause this status to be later or sometimes even earlier, but our best case scenario time will be the 5:15-5:30 AM slot.

**2. The Superintendent has a team of support that assist in making the decision.**

The Superintendent has input from several supporting organizations that include, the Ohio Department of Transportation, Trotwood Police, Trotwood Public Works and even other local Superintendents. The information that is communicated to him, helps to make the best decision possible for the safety of all.

**3. There is a protocol for early dismissal during inclement weather.**

In the event that we have to dismiss early due to impending weather conditions, there is a protocol in place for that as well. Information for that process will be distributed to the building administration.

**4. The best bet for updates about our calamity status will be our social media platforms and our all-call system.**

Although the local news will be current, sometimes you have to wait for a entire scroll before it gets to our district. Make sure you have an up to date phone number on file and that you are following the district's FaceBook page @ TMCSD..

**5. Safety is the number one factor in making the call.** Although this was mentioned in #2, we want to make it very clear that this decision is made solely on whether or not it would be safe to have students and staff report to the buildings. This includes considering things like; students standing on the bus stops, cleared streets and parking lots, impending weather conditions, local road conditions, highway conditions, etc... All of these factors contribute to whether or not school is in session for that day.

After considering all of the above factors, we hope that you as a stakeholder understand that the administration does not take the decision of closing school lightly. Safety is our number one goal. With that in mind, when you see Trotwood-Madison scroll across your TV screen at 5:30 AM, remember there was a lot of work and thought into the decision that was made.

Thanks for your understanding and have a safe winter.

Marlon Howard, Director of Operations