



Mt. Lebanon School District

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Dear Mt. Lebanon Parents,

Now that the cold weather has arrived, I'd like to remind you about our emergency weather procedures. When I make the decision to delay or cancel school it is always with student safety as my primary concern. Unfortunately weather is very unpredictable and conditions may vary throughout our community. There is no exact amount of snow, temperature, wind chill or weather condition that dictates when to delay or cancel school. Many resources are used to gather information. Generally I carefully review multiple weather forecasts, consult with the Mt. Lebanon Emergency Management, gather reports from our plowing crews, and make first hand observations in some of our neighborhoods. When conditions require the delay or closing of school, you will receive a call from our Phone Alert System. Delay or closing information is also announced on the website at www.mtlsd.org, and on local cable, and TV stations. Typically, when school is canceled, after-school and evening activities will also be canceled. Any school cancellations are scheduled to be made up at the end of the school year as noted on the District calendar.

Phone Alert System

In the event of a school delay or closing, you will receive an automated phone call from the District's Phone Alert System to the primary phone number you have listed with the school. Only one call per family is made. Calls are typically made no later than 10:00 p.m. and no earlier than 6:00 a.m. On rare occasions, I may need to delay or cancel school after 6:00 a.m. or change a delay to a cancellation when there is a question about road conditions or extreme cold. Your caller ID will display "Mt. Lebanon School District" and the District's main number of 412-344-2000. The success of this system depends on accurate contact information obtained from school records. **If your information has changed, please update your contact information in the Dashboard or ask the building secretary to update your files.**

Information Sources for a Delay or Closing:

- MTLSD website: www.mtlsd.org
- School District Cable Channels 19 (Comcast) and 33 (Verizon)
- Mt. Lebanon Public Access Channels 17(Comcast) and 34 (Verizon)
- KDKA TV and www.kdka.com; WPXI TV and www.wpxi.com; WTAE TV and www.thepittsburghchannel.com
- KDKA Radio 1020 AM
- Twitter: @MTLSD ; @MTLSDSUPER
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/MTLSD
- Push notifications through the MTL APP

There is always going to be snow, cold and inclement weather in Western Pennsylvania. There may be days when school will be in session when the roads may be snow covered and the temperature is cold. On those days, we all need to walk and drive with caution and make sure that our children are appropriately dressed for the cold weather. As always, please use your best judgment regarding the weather conditions in your own neighborhood.

Thank you for your help and patience during this winter season.

Sincerely,

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