



APPOMATTOX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Building A Community Of Learners"

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TO: Parents
FROM: Dorinda G. Grasty, Ed. D. *DGG*
Division Superintendent
DATE: November 2, 2011

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School Closing and Emergency Information

In bad weather and other emergencies, Appomattox County Public Schools (ACPS) notify parents and staff about the status of school schedules in several ways. We utilize the following TV and radio stations:

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| WDBJ TV 7 | APPO Cable 21 |
| WSLS TV 10 | WKDE 105.5 FM & 1000 AM |
| WSET TV 13 | WROV 96.3 FM |
| WWBT TV 12 Richmond | Spirit 103.7 FM |
| WRLV 88.3 FM | WSLQ 99.1 FM |
| WFLO 95.7 FM & 870 AM | K92 FM |
| WSNV Sunny 93.5 | WJJS 104.9 FM & 102.7 FM |
| WYYD 107.9 FM | WSFF 106.1 FM & 101.7 FM |
| WVBE / VIBE 100.1 FM | WODI 1230 AM |
| WSLC Star Country 94.9 FM | WFIR 960 AM |

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We also use an automated calling system, Global Connect, to deliver phone calls regarding the status of school delays and closings. This system calls the phone number you have registered at your child's school. Should your phone number change, please notify the school office to register your new number.

It would be ideal to be able to notify all parents and staff the night before snow or ice occurs so childcare plans could be made early, however, in many cases the frozen precipitation may not begin falling until after midnight. We go out into several areas of the county to check road conditions when a snow/ice event occurs. We do our best to make a decision to close or delay by 5:30 a.m. There may be times when there is frozen precipitation in the western part of the county near Concord and no frozen precipitation on the eastern end near Pamplin. In those situations, we must close the entire school division as we must take into consideration all county roads on which our buses and students travel.

On days that we have put out a notification of a two hour delay and the road conditions do not improve significantly before buses must leave for their route, we may have to move from a two hour delay to a closed status. We will put out all notifications as soon as possible when this situation occurs.

Should frozen precipitation begin to fall once school has begun, we will close schools as quickly as possible if that precipitation is scheduled to continue.

The safety of our students and staff is very important to us. We take these decisions very seriously and exercise caution when transporting the children of ACPS.