



APPOMATTOX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

TO: Parents

FROM: Annette A. Bennett, Ed. D.
Division Superintendent

DATE: October 15, 2019

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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 90.3 FM |
| WRLV 88.3 FM/JOURNEY | WSLQ 99.1 FM |
| WFLO 95.7 FM & 870 AM | K92 FM |
| WYYD 107.9 FM | STEVE FM 104.9 FM |
| WVBE / VIBE 100.1 FM | WFIR 960 AM |
| WSLC Star Country 94.9 FM | WFXR – Channel 27 |
| | WJJS 93.5 FM & 102.7 FM |

We also use our webpage, our mobile APP, and an automated calling system to deliver phone calls and text messages regarding the status of school delays and closings. This system calls all phone numbers you have registered at your child's school. Should your phone numbers change, please notify the school office to register your new numbers.

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It would be ideal to be able to notify all parents and staff the night before a weather event occurs so childcare plans could be made early, however, in many cases that is not possible. We use various information sites that predict and track weather events. In the winter, staff 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 one area of the county and not all areas. 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 any threatening weather conditions develop once school has begun, we will close schools as quickly as possible to get students home safely.

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 Appomattox County Public Schools.