The policy of the Stoughton School Department regarding **SCHOOL CANCELLATION** and/or **DELAYED OPENING** was established in the interest of the safety and well being of our school children.

On stormy days when the School Department has chosen to keep schools open, **parents are encouraged to exercise their own judgment about sending their children to school.**

In the event of inclement weather or dangerous road conditions, when it is not advisable to open school, appropriate announcements will be made on radio and television.

For notification and information about adverse weather or other unexpected conditions, the following plan will be in effect:

A. **NO SCHOOL**

If conditions are severe, school will be canceled. The **No School Announcement** will be carried by radio Stations WBZ-AM (1030) and WHDH-(850) AM. Television announcements will be made on Boston Channel 5, WCVB-TV, Channel 4, WBZ-TV, Channel 7, WHDH-TV and FOX 25-WFXT-Boston.

B. **ONE-HOUR DELAYED OPENING**

If conditions result in a **one-hour delay**, the opening of school and all bus pick-ups will be **DELAYED ONE HOUR**. **School dismissal will be at the usual time.** The following plan will be in effect:

- All schools will open one hour later than the normal time.
- Middle and high school will open at 8:30 A.M.
- Bus pick-up will be one hour later than normal.
- All elementary schools will open at 9:15 A.M.
- Bus pick-up will be one hour later than normal.
- Lunches will be served at the regular time.

C. **TWO-HOUR DELAYED OPENING**

If conditions result in a **two-hour delay**, the opening of school and all bus pick-ups will be **DELAYED TWO HOURS**. **School dismissal will be at the usual time.** The following plan will be in effect:

- All schools will open two hours later than the normal time.
- Middle and high school will open at 9:30 A.M.
- Bus pick-up will be two hours later than normal.
- All elementary schools will open at 10:15 A.M.
- Bus pick-up will be two hours later than normal.
- Lunches will be served at the regular time.

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Delayed opening announcements will be carried over the same radio and television stations as our school closing announcement. Teachers and other staff will report either one hour or two hours later than usual.
Parents are reminded not to send or drop off their children to school early on days of "one or two hour delayed opening," since the school yards may not be accessible, and staff will not be on duty to supervise children arriving early.

D. **EARLY DISMISSAL**

In the event that students are dismissed early for weather or other emergency situations, the following procedure will be in effect:

- Early dismissal radio and television announcements will be made, if possible.
- Grades 6-12 will be dismissed at 11:32 A.M.
- Grades K-5 will be dismissed at 12:20 P.M.

It is the parents' responsibility to make provisions for their children in the event schools are dismissed early. Please be advised that dismissals may be made at times other than those listed above if student safety is in question.

E. **SNOW EMERGENCY SCHOOL BUS STOPS**

Listed below are the school bus stops which will be used during snow emergencies to provide students, who would normally walk to school, transportation on those days when sidewalks have not been cleared. These stops are in **addition** to the regular stops. The responsibility for getting the students to these stops will remain with the parents and guardians.

STOP	Secondary Pick-up time:	Elementary Pick-up time:
Grove & Porter	7:20	7:50
Park & Sumner	7:25	8:20
Leach & Prospect	7:30	7:45
West & Central	7:30	N/A
Sumner & 1st Cedar	7:25	8:15
Brookdale & Sumner	7:30	8:15
Park & Alger	7:30	7:55
1454 Central	7:25	7:50
Simpson & Cushing	7:05	7:50
Pearl & Ralph Mann	7:05	8:15
Lowe & Pleasant	7:25	7:55
Central & Holmes	7:15	7:50
Central & Golden	7:20	7:55
Central & Packard	7:25	8:00
Pine & Dawe Drive	7:00	7:55
Morton & Butler	6:50	7:55
Malcolm & Marron	6:45	8:05
Morton & Holland	6:55	8:00

If it is not possible to hear the news on radio or television, information regarding **NO SCHOOL** or **DELAYED OPENING** may be obtained by calling **781-344-7000**. The Telephone Company, however, has reserved the right to discontinue this special line if too many calls are being made. Therefore, you are asked to use this line only as a last resort. No information concerning a school cancellation will be given at any other number, including the home of school
administrators, police and/or fire departments. Whenever school is canceled, all after-school activities and Evening School classes will also be canceled for that day.

Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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