



**VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24**  
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Dr. Don Sturz  
*Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to advise you of the process to be used this winter in case of inclement weather.

It is anticipated that most of the decisions on inclement weather days will be clear cut: either open school or close school. A delayed opening will be implemented primarily under one of two sets of circumstances: (1) the snow stopped during the night and our District's grounds crew requires more time in the morning to clear the school parking lots, and sidewalks; or (2) the weather forecast calls for the snowfall to cease during the early morning hours and for clearing to occur thereafter.

On days when a delayed opening is used, schools in District Twenty-four will begin 2 hours later than their normal starting times. **This means all three buildings will begin at 10:30 AM. Students should not be dropped off before 10:00 AM. All three schools will end their school day at the normal time.**

On inclement weather days, the four Valley Stream superintendents will make every attempt to reach a decision on whether to open, close or delay opening by 6:00 A.M. This decision will be posted on our website: [www.valleystreamschooldistrict24.org](http://www.valleystreamschooldistrict24.org). You will receive a text message from our "School Messenger" system. We will also notify WCBS, WBAB, WHLI, WKJY, WINS, WALK, Channel 4, Channel 5, Channel 7, Channel 12 (Cable), and Verizon FIOS1 (Information also on Page 3 of School Calendar/Handbook). If the decision calls for delaying opening, we will monitor the situation until 7:30 A.M. and, in the event that the weather forecast changes or the parking lots and sidewalks cannot be satisfactorily cleared, the decision may be changed and schools will be closed.

The "School Messenger" system is a text messaging system. **It is important that you have enrolled into the text messaging system by texting "Yes" to the number 67587.** In addition, please let your building secretary know which cell phone number you have enrolled into the program. Please make sure that your Parent Portal Personal information tab has your current cell phone number. It is also important that you listen to the radio, television or check our website (if a computer is available to you) to find out whether or not our District will be closed.

If you have any questions about this process, or would like clarification regarding any aspects of the process, please feel free to speak with your Building Principal or me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Don Sturz  
Superintendent  
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