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Dear Parents:

When regularly scheduled classes are cancelled, or delayed in opening because of inclement weather or other emergency situations, a notification will be sent via the District's School Messenger System and repeated announcements will be made by radio stations WHLI – 1100 AM, KJOY 98.3 FM, WMJC 94.3 FM, B103 103.1 FM, WGBB 1240 News 12 Long Island and FIOS 1 News. Closings/Delays will be also posted on the district web site: <http://district.uniondaleschools.org>.

In the event of inclement weather or emergency conditions, I will determine whether school openings will be delayed. If it is determined that the weather conditions will improve sufficiently to allow for the safe arrival of students and staff, I will authorize a **2-hour delay** to the start of the school day. This alternative to closing schools permits greater flexibility in meeting the 180-day minimum school year requirement.

A 2 hour delayed opening not only provides the district the necessary time to ensure the safety of all by having school parking lots plowed and sidewalks cleared, it also enables those students who walk, buses and staff to arrive safely as weather conditions improve. A delayed opening is subject to change if the weather and/or road conditions remain hazardous. I retain the option to close the schools when the potential for a hazardous situation exists.

The decision to delay the opening of schools will be made by 5:45 am or earlier.

In the event of a delayed opening, the School Messenger emergency phone notification system will be activated in the same way it would be if schools were to be closed for the day.

A delayed opening means the following:

1. All early morning programs and activities will be cancelled.
2. Classes will start **2 hours later than normal** (see details below) and transportation will be provided two hours (2 hours) later than normal pickup for **all district and private schools**.
3. **Staff, except for custodial personnel, will report as close to normal arrival time as possible, but no later than the delayed starting time noted below.**

School	Regular Starting Time	Delayed Starting Time
Uniondale High School	7:25 AM	9:25 AM
Lawrence Road Middle School	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Turtle Hook Middle School	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
California Avenue Elementary School	8:40 AM	10:40 AM
Grand Avenue Elementary School	8:40 AM	10:40 AM
Northern Parkway Elementary School	8:20 AM	10:20 AM
Smith Street Elementary School	8:40 AM	10:40 AM
Uniondale Pre-K School	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Walnut Street Elementary School	8:20 AM	10:20 AM

Bus Pick-up Times: A 2 hour delayed school opening means that bus schedules will also be delayed by 2 hours. For example, if your child's bus is normally scheduled to arrive at your bus stop at 7:30 am, a 2-hour delay will change the pick-up time to 9:30 am.

School Lunch: Lunch will be available and served to all students at their regularly scheduled lunch period. However, breakfast will not be served

Field Trips: Field trips that are scheduled to go out on the morning of a delayed opening will be cancelled. At the discretion of the principal, those trips with departure times that fall safely within the shortened school day may continue as scheduled. However, field trips will be cancelled if the road or weather conditions continue to remain hazardous after the delayed opening.

Schedule: Delayed openings delay the opening of school by two (2) hours. The delayed opening schedule is as follows:

- Elementary Schools – Grades PreK-5 will report to their classrooms at 10:20, 10:30 or 10:40 am (depending on home school). From there, the day proceeds as normal.
- Middle Schools - grades 6-8 will report to their period 3 classes at 9:56 am. They will remain in class until 10:29 am and then proceed to period 4. From there, the day proceeds as normal.
- High Schools - grades 9-12 will report to their period 3 classes at 9:30 am. They will remain in class until 9:48 am and then proceed to period 4. From there, the day proceeds as normal.

Private and Parochial Schools: School-closing listings should be consulted to determine if your school is open. If your school is open, you will need to add 2 hours to your normal pick-up time for that day.

BOCES Schools and Programs: For information on these programs, please review the information received from BOCES for the program your child attends or check the BOCES website.

Delayed Opening Notification Systems:

In addition to receiving an automated phone call from the district's **School Messenger Notification System** and accessing information from the district's website located at <http://district.uniondaleschools.org>, the following radio and TV stations will be notified and will make announcements in the event that school openings are delayed.

WCBS 880 AM	WINS 1010 AM	WGBB 1240 AM	WHLI 1100 AM
WALK 97.5 FM	WBAB 102.3 FM	WKJY 98.3 FM	News 12, FIOS 1

The safety of students and staff is our highest priority.

Sincerely,



Dr. William K. Lloyd
Superintendent