



Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

BBHCSD Board of Education Will Host Work Session This Thursday Inclement Weather Decision-Making Protocols

November 3rd, 2020

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

The Board of Education will host an important Work Session this coming Thursday, November 5th at 6 p.m. at the Board Office for the purpose of discussing future plans for school for the remainder of the 2020-2021 School Year. The meeting will be live streamed on the Board of Education's YouTube channel, and those interested can always watch online.

As some of us witnessed over the weekend, cold temperatures and weather are right around the corner, and as a way to prepare our school families, please read the following information below regarding school closure protocols. Please be advised that the District closely monitors the weather forecast for snow and extremely cold temperatures throughout the winter months. The District references www.weather.gov to help make its decision to close school. Information will first appear on my Twitter feed, which you can follow [@SuperBeeBBH](https://twitter.com/SuperBeeBBH). In addition, parents will receive a phone call and the information will be posted on our website and all major local news stations. Whenever possible, the decision to close school will be made the previous evening, but may be announced as late as 6 a.m., depending on a variety of factors. Though there is not a specific temperature policy for the schools, we do use the [National Weather Service Wind Chill Chart](#) as a guide, based on their methodology found at the [National Weather Service](#). Road conditions are another important factor, since this impacts the ability of our buses to run on time. We will most likely have school if the temperatures remain in the lightest blue color on the chart and the buses are running on time. It is not uncommon for us to close when the wind chill is -15°F or colder for a sustained period of time. We make decisions with staff and student safety, serving as our number one priority.

When Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools are closed for weather, all evening activities in the elementary and middle school buildings are canceled. High school activities may take place depending on the weather throughout the day. In addition, Preschool and BeeKeepers are canceled and transportation to CVCC is not provided on "snow days." While I appreciate good-natured tweets from students begging me for a day off, they play absolutely no factor in my decision-making process. Also, Twitter posts from local meteorologists making predictions about the chances of having a snow day are made to increase their social media traffic, and have no credibility.

Let's together hope that these decisions will not have to be considered for at least a little while longer, especially with this week's warmer temperatures.

Thank you for your continued support of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

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