



Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District

School Closed Tomorrow, January 17th Due to Weather... Superintendent Update Email for January 2024 Community Engagement Session on Tuesday, February 13th

January 2024

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

Due to inclement weather, school will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday, January 17th, 2024, for the entire BBHCSD.

With this news, and the fact that Northeast Ohio is plunging into the cold weather season, the BBHCSD wanted to share some reminders about how decisions are made and where you can find information. The BBHCSD closely monitors the weather forecast for snow and extremely cold temperatures throughout the winter months and uses www.weather.gov to help make its decision to close school. When school is closed or delayed, the district will communicate with local broadcast news organizations, post an alert on our [home page](#) and social media, and send a phone call and text. As information develops throughout any given day, these communications channels will be utilized. Whenever possible, the decision to close school will be made the previous evening, but may be announced as late as 6:15 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. We use the same data to determine whether or not temperatures are safe for students going outside for recess as well. Road conditions are another important factor, since this impacts the ability of our buses to run 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 or cold temperature days." Thank you for your attention to these matters, and please stay safe and warm.

Community Engagement Session on Tuesday, February 13th at the Middle School

Members of the community are invited to participate in a **Community Engagement Session** that will be held on **Tuesday, February 13th from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** in the Middle School Auditorium, information from which will be used during the district's forthcoming strategic planning process. At this forum, participants will be asked about a variety of topics, including their values related to education in the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools, and about our strengths and weaknesses as a school district. Your insights are vital to our process to appropriately and effectively plan for the future. If you cannot make this Community Engagement Session, other opportunities for involvement will be forthcoming this spring, such as a community survey. We look forward to your participation. If interested, [please fill out this brief survey](#), so that district leaders can assess a headcount for participation. Thank you for your consideration.

Cheers to a Cure!

Friends in our school family are hosting an event called Cheers to a Cure, to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, a cause with great significance, on January 25th at a local establishment. To help this team of devoted individuals, we encourage you to consider attending or support their efforts. [See this link to learn more!](#)

BBH Foundation Buzz Around the World Tickets Now on Sale

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools proudly shares its support and promotion of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools Foundation's annual classroom grant fundraiser, for which tickets are now on sale. The annual event, known as "*Buzz Around the World: A Global Tasting to Support Classroom Grants*" 2024 will take place on Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 at 7p.m. at Carpe Raci in Brecksville. Attendees will enjoy wine tasting from four global regions paired with light food refreshments, and bid on auction packages to benefit the BBHSF annual classroom grant program. Tickets are \$75 per person and are limited, so please visit <https://www.bbhsf.org/> today! Donations are also welcome and can be made on the website. The BBH Schools Foundation performs a tremendous service to our school district, by raising funds and accumulating resources that are directly re-purposed back into our classrooms, benefitting staff and students. Please be sure to visit their website today, and get involved!

Please stay safe and warm! Don't forget to mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 13th!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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