

Bethpage Union Free School District

CLOSING OF SCHOOL OR DELAYED OPENINGS

In order to prepare for the possibility of inclement weather, the following procedures have been put in place for closing or delaying the opening of Bethpage Schools:

Arrangements have been made to notify the general public whenever we will have either a school closing or delayed opening. **However, this year for parents, we are implementing an electronic system known as Connect-ED that will enable us to send a telephone message to each home within a matter of minutes. This way, in addition to the traditional website, television, and radio announcements, you will receive a telephone call, as well.** The announcement will be broadcast intermittently over the following radio/television stations: **AM:** WCBS 880, WINS 1010, WHLI 1100; **FM:** WKJY 98.3, WBAB 102.3, WALK 97.5; and **TV:** News 12 Long Island. Although the District will do everything it can to see that these announcements are broadcast as early in the morning as possible, it cannot control when and how frequently the announcements are presented.

This information will also be available on our website at: www.bethpagecommunity.com

In addition to the radio and TV broadcasts and our website, the District has established announcement telephone lines at each building, as follows:

Central Administration	644-4099	Central Boulevard	644-4399
Bethpage High School	644-4199	Charles Campagne	644-4499
JFK Middle School	644-4299	Kramer Lane	644-4599

Whenever serious inclement weather exists, a message will be placed on each school's announcement line containing information about possible school closings or delayed openings. Whenever a **delayed opening** is announced, please have your children at their bus stops **two hours later than the normally designated times.**

<u>School</u>	<u>Regular Opening Time</u>	<u>Two-Hour Delayed Opening</u>
Bethpage High School	7:32 a.m.	9:32 a.m.
JFK Middle School	8:19 a.m.	10:19 a.m.
Central Boulevard	8:40 a.m.	10:40 a.m.
Charles Campagne	9:25 a.m.	11:25 a.m.
Kramer Lane	9:25 a.m.	11:25 a.m.

Delayed openings will result in the following:

- ◆ Delayed openings affect **all** children who attend the Bethpage Schools or who use transportation provided by the Bethpage School District, **including** all private and parochial school children.
- ◆ There will be **no AM kindergarten** on days when the opening is delayed. **On such days, PM kindergarten students will be picked up with grades 1-5 at regular PM bus stop locations.** Route times will begin as follows: CBS – 10:15 a.m.; CC and KL – 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ AM BOCES and Levittown classes will be cancelled, as will the Discovery program, band, and other before school activities.
- ◆ Decisions about after school activities, including athletic practices and competitions, late buses, PAL and CYO activities, and adult education programs will be made as weather conditions evolve. Information will be placed on each school's announcement telephone line as such decisions are made.

All before and after school activities, including day care, are automatically cancelled whenever a decision is made to close the schools.

Please do not call the schools directly, since doing so will overload the system, making it difficult for the school to make or receive emergency calls. Your cooperation in these matters will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Dr. Richard S. Marsh, Superintendent of Schools