



Winter 2009-2010

Milwaukee Public Schools

## MPS Winter Weather Routines

When heavy snow or other severe weather conditions during the night make travel conditions to schools difficult, the decision on whether to close schools will be made by Superintendent William G. Andrekopoulos. The decision is made with the best information we have on hand at the time, including information about city street conditions. Street conditions are critical to safe bus transportation.

- ❁ The decision on whether to close schools is most often made **prior** to 5:30 a.m.
- ❁ The information is uploaded to the homepage of the MPS Portal at <http://mpsportal.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/portal/server.pt> with the picture of the little girl and the snowflake. When you see the girl on our homepage, you know there is important information from MPS affecting our schools!
- ❁ MPS Communications staff will announce closures to media, and often do live interviews with radio and TV stations early in the morning. The stations include:
  1. WYMS 88.9 FM Radio.
  2. WTMJ 620 AM Radio.
  3. WISN-TV Ch. 12.
  4. WTMJ-TV Ch. 4.
  5. WITI-TV Ch. 6.
  6. WDJT-TV Ch. 58.



When MPS schools are closed prior to the start of the school day, all afternoon and evening recreation and interscholastic athletics/academics are cancelled. The district has procedures in place in the event of the need to cancel weekend activities, or in the event of a need to shorten the school day. The following are classifications of severe weather conditions that could result in the closing of schools:

- ❁ Winter Storm Warning/Heavy Snow Warning.
- ❁ Blizzard/Severe Blizzard Warning.
- ❁ Ice Storm/Freezing Rain Warning.

We will be on watch throughout the winter in an effort to make the best decisions we can during threatening weather. Let's have a safe snow season! Thank you.



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