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**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS**  
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When determining if schools should close due to inclement weather, the most important factor we consider is the safety and security of our students and staff as they travel to and from school. We always consider the conditions for students and staff who walk to school, as well as those who drive to school.

The process of making the decision to close school involves a team of district administrators and staff members.

This team monitors:

- Weather forecasts, temperature, and current conditions utilizing multiple sources:
  - [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com)
  - Weather reports on local television broadcast channels
  - Onsite inspections of:
    - The roads and sidewalks in the community and surrounding area
    - The grounds of each school

We know that closing school can be an inconvenience for care givers who have to make alternative arrangements for their children. While we do our best to inform you of the decision the evening before closing to allow you enough time to make arrangements for your family, there are times when we must make the decision early in the morning.

In the event we determine that it is unsafe to hold school, we will use multiple ways to communicate the school closing to you:

- Caregivers will receive a phone call and an email from MiStar Parent Connect
  - Parent Connect uses the primary phone number and email address listed in MiStar.\*
- The closing will be broadcasted on WWJ, WJR, WXYZ tv, FOX2 DETROIT, Local 4 and also posted on their websites.
- The closing will be posted on the [www.hwschools.org](http://www.hwschools.org) and Harper Woods' social media: Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

\* You can update your contact information by logging into MiStar Parent Connect found on our website [www.hwschools.org](http://www.hwschools.org). Please contact the secretary at your child's school for assistance.

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It is the policy of the School District of the City of Harper Woods that no discriminatory practices based on gender, race, religion, color, age, national origin, disability, height, weight, or any other status covered by federal, state or local law be allowed in providing instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance. Any person suspecting a discriminatory practice should contact the Assistant Superintendent at the School District of the City of Harper Woods, 20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods, MI 48225 or call (313) 245-3000.