



# Holly Area Schools

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December 4, 2024

Dear Holly Area Schools Families,

Although the official start to the winter season is still 17 days away, we know that weather conditions can change quickly. Over the course of the winter season, Michigan residents can experience snow, ice, and extreme wind chills.

This is our annual reminder regarding school cancellations due to inclement weather, also well known as "Snow Days." We continue to make decisions regarding snow days based on ensuring the safety of all students, families, and employees during the winter months. On any given day, the roads we live or travel on might be in perfect condition, while other local roads in the district may be unsafe.

Holly Area Schools is approximately 124 square miles. We are the 3rd largest district in the Tri-County Area. Because we are so large, conditions in one area of our district may be different from the conditions in another area.

A decision to close school is based on more than a weather forecast. Several factors are considered including the actual current weather and road conditions as well as the timing of possible inclement weather. Throughout the winter season, we consistently monitor the conditions of our district's paved roads and backroads to ensure the safety of students at bus stops as well as students and staff driving to school. We are in communication with the road commission as well as our surrounding school districts. Decisions based solely on a prediction or forecast are much more difficult to make, thus subject to scrutiny. Therefore, we make the best decision with the information that we have available.

We recognize that this decision may not always fit with individual circumstances. Therefore, we support parents/guardians making the best decision for their family. Our goal is to make a weather-related school closing decision no later than 5:45 am the morning of inclement weather. In some unique circumstances, we may decide earlier or even the evening prior.

All inclement weather school closing announcements are done by phone and email via SchoolMessenger and placed on the district website.

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We also contact the following media outlets:

- ABC 12
- NBC 25
- Fox 66
- CW 46
- Fox 2
- Local 4
- ABC 7
- WWJ AM 950 and WJR AM 760

Once again, thank you for your support. We will continue to keep safety the priority for our over 3,100 students and hundreds of staff that are part of our Broncho family.

Sincerely,  
Scott M. Roper, Superintendent  
Holly Area Schools