

## HAZARDOUS WEATHER & KINGSBURY:

### ALL-DAY CLOSED OR DELAYED OPENING OPTIONS

Weather conditions sometimes mandate that we not open school. When this is necessary, we try to make that decision before 6:30 a.m. On days when we will be closed, each parent who has opted to remain on the call list will receive a call. Announcements of closings are also carried on WWJ (950 AM), television channels 2(FOX), 4(NBC), and 7(ABC), and the Detroit Free Press site [freep.com](http://freep.com). WWJ also maintains a website ([www.schoolclosed.com](http://www.schoolclosed.com)) that carries school closing announcements. There are also instructions on the WWJ website on how to sign up for automatic e-mail announcements of school closings. **In addition we post the school closing information on our website ([gokingsbury.org](http://gokingsbury.org)) and there will be a recorded message on the school main phone number.**

There are a number of days each winter when the morning conditions make travel hazardous, but by daylight the roads have improved. If the weather sources suggest that this will happen, we may use a **two hour delay** with buses running two hours later (if Oxford is closed, no Oxford buses will run) and **classes starting at 10:20 am**. This will allow travel in daylight and, hopefully, in improving conditions. As an example: if your normal bus pick-up is 7:30 am, the delayed opening pickup time will be 9:30 am. Classes will begin at 10: 20am.

**It is possible that after announcing a two-hour delay, conditions could fail to improve or worsen. Should this occur, we reserve the right to change the status to Closed.** While this is an unlikely situation, early morning conditions in Southeast Michigan can be unpredictable. If this change occurs, the normal notification processes will be used. It will be important for families to stay in touch with phone, radio, TV, or our **website** for updates. We would use the phone notification process as well, but it may be less effective as parents head off to work.

As a service to working families, if you can safely bring your child(ren) to school on days we use the delayed start, we will provide before school supervision from 8:00 am until the new start time.

The nature of weather in this area creates very complex conditions. We also find great variation from one location to the next. Our decision to open, close or delay opening is largely based on the immediate Northern Oakland County area and the area around the school. We cannot accurately determine the road conditions in the outlying areas. Each person must evaluate the situation and act accordingly. *Students unable to attend school due to unsafe driving conditions are considered to have an Excused Absence. They will be given every opportunity to make up missed work including tests and quizzes. (Tests would not normally be given on delayed opening day due to a shorter schedule)*

While we try to make safe decisions about travel to school, the ultimate decision rests with parents. We will always support your choice to err on the side of caution and to keep your children home or to bring them later.

#### **Summary of options for hazardous driving conditions:**

**Two Hour Delay – OPEN AT 10:20 AM –stay tuned in to local TV/Radio and our website ([gokingsbury.org](http://gokingsbury.org)) for updates**

**Closed – NO CLASSES**