

I have had a few questions about cancelling school when the weather doesn't seem as bad as it used to be "back in the day" when school was held. While I realize changing school schedules can be difficult for some, the safety of our students is paramount. Closing school is a decision all the area Superintendents take very seriously. We are checking roads, contacting each other and our transportation personnel, but more importantly, we need to heed the advice of the National Weather Service.

When the National Weather Service has placed our area in a "Warning" for severe weather and they state that travel will be impacted, we are now put into a situation where we could be found negligent if there is some type of accident at school that may have been prevented if we hadn't held school. Negligence is a legal concept usually defined as the failure to use the care that a normally careful person would in a given situation. Needless to say, when there is a winter storm warning, most normally careful people will limit their driving and only go out if necessary.

It's not necessary to go to school on a bad weather day. There will be better days in the future to have school that are safer for our students. Besides, think back to when you were a kid. Didn't you love it when you had a snow day! I know I loved them! So while cancelling school may cause certain difficulties for one reason or another, when I make a school closure decision based upon the information I have at the time, I will always stand by it. I'm sorry if this is an inconvenience, but your children's and grandchildren's safety is too important to unnecessarily risk.