

Mrs. Piper L. Bognar, Superintendent

November 13, 2019

Dear Van Dyke Public Schools Parents and Families,

This year brought the snow sooner than any year in recent history. As we know all too well, there will be days in our great state of Michigan when the weather forces us to close school for a day or so. I want to be sure that you know where to find the information, and I also want you to know a bit about our procedures for closing schools.

Several things are taken into consideration when thinking about closing school, and the decision is not taken lightly. I want to ensure that your children, our students, receive a full one-hundred-eighty days of instruction. I also know that sometimes the temperatures may be too cold or the roads may not be safe to travel. If the conditions are not deemed safe, school will ultimately be canceled. In Macomb County, we work with other districts on many types of programming such as transportation, athletics, and special services, and will also work together to discuss when it is appropriate or necessary to close for the day. We will decide upon and announce the closures as early as possible.

In order to make sure that you know when school is canceled, we have established a few ways to notify you:

- Our School Messenger system will call the main number on file, which will be the first emergency number for your child or children. Please be sure that you've updated any new numbers.
- The closure will be broadcast on WJR radio, WXYZ tv, FOX2 Detroit, Local 4, and their websites.
- Our Facebook page will share the news.

I trust that we will have another successful winter, and maybe even have a few cozy, lazy snow days. As always, let your child's school know right away if any contact numbers change so that we can keep you posted regarding closures and other school events.

Take good care and stay warm. I'll see you at the next school event.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Piper Bognar  
Your Proud Superintendent