

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA**  
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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

This letter is to provide you with updated information on the School District of Philadelphia's procedures for the delayed opening of schools due to inclement weather.

Due to inclement weather or other emergencies, it may be necessary to cancel school for the day or have a **"delayed opening."** If this should occur, parents and caregivers are asked to tune in to the local news, visit The School District of Philadelphia's website at [www.philasd.org](http://www.philasd.org), or call the District's Parent hotline at (215) 400-INFO (4636).

In the event of a delayed opening, all schools and early childhood programs will open two hours after the original start time of the school day or program. For example, if school is regularly scheduled to start at 8:05 a.m., under a delayed opening the school will then start two hours later or 10:05 a.m. Dismissal time will remain the same.

During a delayed opening yellow bus transportation will also be delayed by two hours from the original pick-up time. For example, if your child is regularly scheduled to be picked-up at 7:15 a.m., under a delayed opening the pick-up time will be two hours later or 9:15 a.m. All school trips that are scheduled will be canceled. Breakfast, lunch, after-school programs, and athletics will not be affected and will function as normal. I strongly encourage you to make arrangements for your child's supervision when schools are closed or delayed and to review these arrangements with your child periodically.

Respectfully,



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