

WARNING SYSTEMS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER REGULATION

Ringwood Board of Education policy shall be to dismiss school if weather conditions deteriorate to the extent that the safety of students may be jeopardized.

During the tornado season, the school administration will be concerned with tornado watches and tornado alerts. A tornado watch is issued by the weather bureau when conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes. School will NOT be dismissed because of a tornado watch. However, if a parent is concerned about the safety of a child, the child may be released to the parent's custody at the school. A tornado warning is issued by the weather bureau when a tornado has been sighted. School will be dismissed if the administration feels that it is safe to do so. Otherwise, students will remain at school and appropriate safety measures shall be taken.

The superintendent and his/her appointees will drive various areas in the school district to determine travel risks as early as is practical. Should it be determined that weather conditions are such that it is unsafe to transport students within the district area radio and TV stations, all principals, the food service director, and the technology center superintendent will be contacted by 6:30 a.m. if at all possible. Parent and teacher alert system will be used if appropriate.

Each of the people contacted will then contact key individuals in their areas of supervision. The radio stations will broadcast the information concerning closure of schools for the day or the information that buses will be running late, whichever is pertinent. Absent such announcements, students should assume that school will be in session.

Should it become necessary to dismiss school during the school day, all radio stations and bus drivers will be notified by the administration. Students will be dismissed in an orderly fashion once buses have arrived.