

North Bellmore UFSD

Procedures for A Two (2) Hour Delayed Opening of School

A two hour delayed opening will be implemented by the Superintendent of Schools when hazardous road or weather conditions that *could* prompt the closing of schools are expected to improve later in the morning. *

1. **NOTIFICATION OF DELAYED OPENING:** If it is necessary to delay the opening of school because of inclement weather, dangerous road conditions, or any other emergency, **parents will receive a phone call and an email via the automated phone system, ConnectEd.** (Please be sure the school has your correct, updated phone numbers and an email address that you check on a regular basis). The announcement will also be posted on the school's webpage: www.northbellmoreschools.org. Additionally, Channel 12 (Cablevision) will list school delays and closings on the television screen and list them on their webpage: www.news12.com
2. **THE TIME SCHEDULE:** Delayed openings will delay the opening of school by two hours. The delayed school opening schedule is:

Normal Starting Time	Delayed Starting Time
8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Drop-off begins at 8:17 AM	Drop-off begins at 10:17 AM

As usual, supervision of students will begin 13 minutes prior to the start of the school day. *Students are not to be dropped off at school prior to the time when supervision can take place.*

3. **MORNING ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED:** If there is a delayed opening the following morning activities are canceled:
 - The Bellmore-Merrick Child Care Breakfast Program;
 - Chorus, band, orchestra, Sunrise Academy, extra help, etc.;
 - All field trips
4. **BUS TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED:** However, bus schedules will also be delayed by two hours. For example, if your child's bus is normally scheduled to arrive at your stop at 8:00 AM, the two-hour delay will change it to approximately 10:00 AM. **Keep in mind that the poor weather conditions that necessitate a Delayed Opening are likely to cause some delays in bus pick up.** Your understanding, patience and cooperation are appreciated.
5. **SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM CONTINUES:** Lunch will be available and served to all students at their regularly scheduled lunchtime.
6. **DISMISSAL TIME REMAINS UNCHANGED:** A delayed opening has no effect on dismissal time or afterschool activities unless otherwise announced. As always, school will end at 3:00 - buses should drop students off at the usual time.

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** *A delayed opening is subject to change if the weather or road conditions remain hazardous. The Superintendent retains the option to issue another ConnectEd message directing a school closing when the potential for a hazardous situation continues to exist.*