**E**agleswood **E**lementary **S**chool

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Dear Eagleswood Families:

The winter season is almost here! Here at Eagleswood Elementary School, we realize the decision to open or close school during inclement weather has a big effect on families. We also understand that our students thrive, both academically and socially, by being in school. However, our top priority will **always** be the safety of our students.

HOW DO WE MAKE OUR DECISION?

We make the decision to open or close school during inclement weather based on a variety of factors, such as:

• Correspondence with the State Police

• Amount of snow and ice accumulated

• Whether precipitation will continue

• Building conditions • Temperature and wind chill

• Weather predictions – we prefer not making our decision based on weather predictions, which are not always accurate, but sometimes this is unavoidable.

• Collaboration with local school districts

WHO MAKES THE DECISION?

As the Superintendent, I am responsible for the final decision, based on the above factors.

HOW IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED?

School cancellations and announcements will be made on our website: [www.eagleswood.org](http://www.eagleswood.org)

and via our School Messenger Notification System. WHEN IS THE DECISION MADE? If possible, the decision will be made by 5:30am.

WILL WE CLOSE IF CONDITIONS WORSEN?

If conditions worsen during the school day, we may need to have an early dismissal. We will try to give as much notice as possible. **In the case of an unplanned early dismissal, the school will utilize your child’s normal dismissal procedure for that day.** If you have any changes to your child’s dismissal please call the main office (609) 597-3663. We hope that this information helps everyone understand the process of determining how and when to close school for inclement weather. If you have any questions please feel free to call me anytime.

Sincerely,

Heather Wawrzyniak

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Superintendent/ Principal

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