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Dear Parents/Guardians of Framingham Public School Students:

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING CHANGE TO SCHOOL OPENING PROCEDURES DUE TO WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS.

In consultation with the Town of Framingham Police Department and the Department of Public Works, the Framingham Public Schools will institute **a two-hour delayed opening if warranted by weather conditions** rather than close schools for the day. School will be cancelled in the event of severe weather conditions.

Delaying the opening of school for two hours will allow school buses to operate after rush hour traffic as well as give the Department of Public Works more time to plow sidewalks and main roadways. A delayed opening, rather than a school closing, will also allow the district to remain in session without adding additional days to the school calendar in June. If a two-hour delay is called please note the following important information:

- There will be NO A.M. Kindergarten
- There will be NO BLOCKS Preschool Program
- Before school programs will open two hours later than their usual time.
- Schools will open two hours later than their usually scheduled time.
- Schools will dismiss at their regularly scheduled times
- Students may not arrive at school before the two-hour delay start time.
- A two-hour delayed opening will be announced on the same television/cable channels and radio stations as used to announce a school cancellation.

If your student(s) use Framingham Public School bus transportation, please make sure they are at their assigned bus stop **two hours later than usual**. If they are transported or walk to school, they must arrive at their buildings **two hours later than usual**. **Staff will not be in buildings to greet children until the two-hour delay start time** therefore, for their safety, please follow the two-hour delay start time requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Steven A. Hiersche
Superintendent of Schools

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CC: All Building Principals and All Directors
Daycare providers, Before and After-School Programs
Framingham School Committee Members