

As the winter months move in, it is likely sometime in the foreseeable future that road or weather conditions will deteriorate to the point where a decision will need to be made on canceling school. The safety of students, parents, and staff is the foremost consideration when evaluating whether a day of school should be canceled. There are several variables that factor into making a final decision. These include the following:

1. An early morning report from our Director of Facilities and Operations on road conditions in Williamston
2. Input from law enforcement, the road commission, and staff from neighboring districts
3. Consultation with Superintendents from all other Ingham County Districts. We have an “app for that!”

School will be canceled automatically if there is a temperature (with or without windchill) of 20 degrees or more below zero.

Note that each local district in the area makes an independent decision on whether to cancel school. Road conditions in Williamston (to include roads in all parts of our district) may differ greatly from those in other districts. If you disagree with a decision to open school, it is always your right to keep your child at home. If you make this choice, please contact the appropriate school office so we know where your child is and that he or she is safe.

There is a change this year regarding snow days for our students attending the Wilson Talent Center. In the event the Mason Public Schools have canceled school due to road/weather conditions, the Ingham Intermediate Schools will also be closed. Consequently, the Wilson Talent Center will not be open. If Williamston is open on a day Mason schools are closed, students who attend class at the Wilson Talent Center will have space made available for them to study throughout the full school day at Williamston High School, but will only be required to attend class during their usual hours at WHS. Questions regarding this arrangement can be directed to the high school office.

School cancellations will be broadcast through a variety of means. These include local media outlets, our website, and School Messenger. Remember, you can subscribe to both School Messenger and the RSS feed on the announcements part of the district website to receive an automatic notification to your phone, email, and/or news feed. Our goal is to make a decision to cancel no later than 6:00 am.

I hope this provides some perspective on how snow days are determined. Please contact me should you have any questions about our decision-making process or notification mechanisms.

Respectfully,

Adam