DATE: January 13, 2004
TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: Dr. J. Hairston, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Inclement Weather Procedures
ORIGINATOR: J. Robert Haines, Deputy Superintendent

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Rita Fromm, Executive Director, Planning and Support Operations

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education receives information regarding procedures in place to assess the impact of inclement weather on school openings.

Background Information: The Office of Transportation has procedures in place to provide an assessment on which the Superintendent makes the decision to modify school schedules on inclement weather days.
Baltimore County Public Schools
Office of Transportation

WEATHER PATROL

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Seasonal Overview

- School Calendar
- Safety Supports the Instructional Program
- Rotating Weekly Schedule
  - November through March
  - 2:30 a.m. – 3:30 a.m.
  - Every Night
- 5 Area Managers
  - SW – Joyce Almond (acting)
  - NW – Clint Marshall
  - CE – Charlie Kus
  - NE – Lou Sergi
  - SE – Jim Mitcherling

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Seasonal Overview

• Weather Updates
  • Provided by Accu-Weather through faxes
    • Non-weather event – daily
    • Weather event - hourly
Weather Event

• Whole team on the road by 3:00 a.m.
• County-wide assessment
  • Roads
  • Sidewalks
  • School driveways, parking lots, sidewalks
  • Problematic bus stop locations or routes
Weather Event

• Confer with Accu-weather by phone
  • Precipitation type
  • Temperature – present and forecasted
  • Projected duration of weather event
• Confer with County Roads & BCPS Grounds
  • Plowing, salting, schedules
  • Partnership with Baltimore County Roads
• Confer with adjacent LEA’s
  • Confirm local weather reports
  • Track storm progress

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Weather Event

- Make recommendation to Superintendent
  - Deadline 5:00 a.m.
  - Early bus schedules
  - Discuss options – delay or closure
- Media notification/Internal notification

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Adapting to Extreme Conditions

- Extreme Weather Events
  - Blizzards/Ice Storms
  - Hurricanes/Tropical Storms
  - Floods
  - Tornados
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- Adapting to extreme conditions in localized areas

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