

SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families,

I just have to put it out there and address the obvious question, “Why did we not have an early dismissal?” I so wish we did, although the timing of the storm still would have been problematic for our schools that dismiss later, but certainly much better than what we had. Oh how I wish I had put out a silly rhyme or song announcing an early dismissal, but the weather reports on today were unusually sporadic with new reports being sent hourly. Add the intensity of the storm and speed in which it turned bad, this was simply not what we expected. By the time the storm started, changing minds and calling an early release was no longer a viable option. I also know that calling for an early dismissal day mid-stream has its dangers and I always have concerns of young children being left at homes with parents not home (or rushing home in bad weather to be there for their children). In cases like this, it is a “catch-22” with negatives on all fronts. But again, this storm hit hard, fast and at the most horrible time.

Yet, this rests on my shoulders as at the end of the day, the good calls and the non calls fall on me. All I can do is say that we make the best decisions we can with the information we have. After the fact, with what we know now, calling an early dismissal last night would be the choice I would make if I could go back in time.

The main issue why the buses were so delayed was due to the many accidents and road closures in town. Fortunately, all students got home safely, albeit not timely.

This is the first storm of this winter. In the coming months, there will be many more decisions that will have to be made with regard to the weather including early closings, delayed openings (possibly as soon as tomorrow) and school closings; often with sketchy predictions and impossible timing (like today). I wish I could tell you to expect perfection, but while I cannot promise that, I can guarantee doing the best we can for our students.

My sincere gratitude for your patience and understanding,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Feder', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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