



School Year 2025-2026

With snow in the forecast, the time seems right for a reminder about how Union #28 handles weather related closings and delays. We all understand that any change in the school schedule is disruptive for everyone. The safety of our students, staff and families is our top priority. Here are some frequently asked questions:

How do you decide? Who makes these decisions? When will decisions be announced?

With safety as our priority, we look at the following factors:

Information on road conditions, time snow is starting and amount of projected snow, building conditions (power and heat), parking lot conditions, temperature and wind chill.

We make an effort to announce decisions to close school or to have a delayed opening by 6:00am. The decision is made after consulting with the town highway departments, local emergency officials, transportation companies and other area superintendents. Decisions about early dismissal are rare and are normally announced the evening before. When checking for a cancellation or delay, please be looking for **Erving School Union 28**, not individual school name.

We will use the following tools to make our notification:

School based automated system (Robo Call) e-mail or text or phone call:

Erving Elementary School - Town of Erving: notification service

Leverett Elementary School - Code Red

Shutesbury Elementary School - Bright Arrow

Swift River School - Bright Arrow

Channel 22 (WWLP, Chicopee/Springfield) (www.wwlp.com)

WGGB Channel 40- (www.wggb.com)

NECN (www.necn.com)

The safety of your child is first and foremost! Union #28 covers an enormous amount of geography with many terrain variations. Conditions can change suddenly.

On days of questionable weather, you are empowered as the parent/caregiver to make the decisions that are best for your child!

We know the "weather dance" can be challenging and frustrating for everyone! We thank you for your partnership and understanding!

Shannon White-Cleveland

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon White-Cleveland".

Superintendent of Schools
Union #28