

# Mascoutah Community Unit

## School District NO. 19

### MASCOUTAH, ILLINOIS 62258



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TO: Parents/Guardians of Mascoutah District #19 Students  
FROM: Sam H. McGowen, Superintendent *SHM*  
DATE: November 2, 2009  
RE: **School Closings/Inclement Weather**

This memo is for the purpose of outlining actions Mascoutah District #19 will take when school is to be closed for the day or when classes will be dismissed early.

1. Radio/television broadcasts of school closings and early dismissals will be made over the following radio/TV stations:

	<u>*Snow Closings</u>	<u>Early Dismissal</u>
KMOX Radio (1120)	5:25 A.M., 6:25 A.M., 9:05 P.M.	As needed
WIBI Radio (91.1)	Beginning at 5:30 a.m.	As needed
FOX 2 (Channel 2)	Beginning at 6:00 A.M.	As needed
KMOV (Channel 4)	5:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. 5:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M., 10:00 P.M.	As needed
KSDK (Channel 5)	5:00 A.M. - 7:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M., 10:00 P.M.	As needed
ABC (Channel 30)	5:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.	As needed

\* Times are modified as conditions impact the decision-making process. There may be times when the District cannot make contact with a station; therefore, viewers/listeners may need to check multiple sources or the District's information systems.

2. Unless announcements are made on these stations, school will be in session. The decision for closing will be made daily unless general conditions dictate otherwise.

3. Individuals should NOT call the radio/television stations for information concerning school closings. The school district provides a number you may call (566-9344) for a recorded message on school closings beginning at 6:00 A.M. The announcement will also be posted on the District's web site: [www.mascoutah19.k12.il.us](http://www.mascoutah19.k12.il.us).

4. **General Guidelines:**

A. School will be closed only in cases of extreme circumstances.

B. Buses will operate where they can safely do so.

C. During extreme weather, parents/guardians are reminded to take precautions to protect children who are left home, walked to school or gone to the point where they normally board the bus. Also, plans should be in place to provide for child safety when it becomes necessary for the School District to dismiss early.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

SHM/jlj