



Important notice to families

SCHOOL CLOSINGS DUE TO WEATHER: REVISED APPROACH ON CHANNEL 7 NEWS / WHDH

WHDH-TV / Channel 7 “Storm Force” is taking a slightly different approach to reporting school closings this winter. It is important that families are aware of this change to avoid any confusion or misunderstanding about whether Boston schools are closed or open during snow storms.

In addition to the usual list scrolling across the screen with all districts that have reported closings or delays, Channel 7 is going to scroll a second list just above it at the same time, with the status of only the 10 largest school districts in the state, including Boston.

That “Big 10” list will feature all 10 districts, even if they have not reported to be closed. We are told that each of the 10 will be listed at all times as “closed”, “open” or -- if they have not yet heard from the school district or no decision has been made -- “no report” or “no status”.

Please note: “Boston - CLOSED” is the only message that indicates that students are not expected to report to school.

Also please note that these changes apply only to Channel 7 at this time. As far as we know, all other television and radio stations are reporting school closings exactly as they have in the past.

If you have any questions, please contact the principal or headmaster of your child’s school.



[Screen capture: Sample school closing message as it will appear on television.]