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Dear West Orange Public School Families,

December 16, 2022

We hope this message finds you well as we prepare for the change of season and for the holidays ahead. As a reminder, the district dismisses early on Friday, December 23, 2022 and returns for classes on Monday, January 2, 2023. It is our sincere hope that you find time to spend with family and friends in the most meaningful ways, and make connections that soothe the soul.

As you may already be well aware, winter weather brings with it some challenges to our township that can prompt a change in our schedules; all in the name of safety of course. With this in mind, kindly review [the protocols](#) for closings and delayed openings that have been outlined for you. A sincere effort will be made to provide notifications in this regard with every consideration made to your personal schedule. Having met with our administration, we are in agreement that communications will be clear and timely. For example, should we deviate from our regular schedule for any reason, the outgoing notice will be delivered no later than 5:00AM the day of, and no later than 8:30PM the night before, when a change in schedule prompted by an inclement weather event is evident.

Additionally, this is a good opportunity to remind everyone to recheck your profile in School Messenger and update contacts, email addresses, etc. as needed. You will only receive messages if the contacts in this system are correct. We are grateful for this open communication system as we rely on it from the school level and the district level.

The New Jersey Department of Health has sent a recent message via our local health department to be mindful of our state of wellness during the holidays; their message can be found [here](#).

Finally, our sincere wishes for the best of health and much happiness to you and your families now and in the new year.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of C. Lauren Schoen in black ink.

C. Lauren Schoen, Ed. D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools

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