



# Country Club Hills School District 160

Dr. Shannon Goodsell.  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The winter season is upon us. Our district staff understands that our decision to open or close schools in bad weather has a big effect on families. We also understand that our students are better served - both academically and socially - by being in school. As always, our top priority is the safety of our students.

## HOW DO WE MAKE OUR DECISION?

Please understand that we make the decision to open or close the schools in bad weather based on a careful analysis of all relevant factors, such as:

- Information on road conditions from transportation staff and from the police. We must give careful consideration to the most dangerous roads in the district. Even if your street looks clear, travel elsewhere in the district may be dangerous.
- Amount of snow and ice accumulated.
- Whether precipitation is continuing.
- Building conditions (such as whether we have electricity and heat).
- Parking lot conditions. Administrators talk to maintenance and custodial staff members who are responsible for clearing and treating school parking lots and sidewalks.
- Temperature and wind chill. Please remember that some of our students walk to school and some must wait outside for the bus.
- Weather predictions. We prefer not make our decision based on weather predictions, which are not always accurate. But sometimes this is unavoidable.
- What other school districts are doing. We also share information with other local districts and check whether they are opening or closing.

Should severe weather or other emergency situation require District 160 schools to close, parents/guardians will be notified using PowerSchool Robo-calling System and an emergency alert message posted on the district website. You may also check [www.EmergencyClosingCenter.com](http://www.EmergencyClosingCenter.com) or listen for an announcement from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on the following radio stations: WGN (720 AM), and WBBM (780 AM), and the following TV stations: CBS, ABC, NBC, WGN, FOX and CLTV News. Our official title is Country Club Hills School District 160.

***Please note: Your child will be receiving academic work to do on snow days. The schoolwork may come in the form of hard paper or electronic media. This work is allowable by the State of Illinois to count as an academic day. It is imperative that your child completes this work, as it will be used in their overall grade calculation.***

CCH160 would like to thank you for your support! Please do not hesitate to contact the District Office if you have any questions. (708) 957 – 6200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Goodsell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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