

The superintendent shall establish a protocol whereby any decision to postpone or cancel classes shall be promptly communicated to the entire school community and to the public.

The Newport Public Schools utilizes the Rhode Island Broadcasters Association Cancellation system, a secure web based system, active 365 days a year. Administrators will make notice of the cancellation, delay or dismissal on the RIBA website at www.ribroadcasters.com. The data is immediately available in real time to all participating newspapers, radio and television stations as well as on their websites. The TV and radio stations will broadcast this information as they have in the past.

In addition to utilizing the RIBA Cancellation system, the Newport Public Schools also employs the Blackboard Connect™ K-12 notification and alert system. This system, employing state of the art communications technology, enables district administrators to reach entire communities in minutes via multimodal communication that includes voice, e-mail and text messaging capabilities.

The protocol for the Newport School Department is as follows:

Superintendent calls:

1. Director of Property Services
2. Director of Administrative Services
3. Transportation Contractor
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5. Area Superintendents
6. Blackboard Connect™ notification and alert message

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