VALLEY STREAM 24 SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

To: All Staff Members

From: Dr. Unal Karakas U.K.

Date: November 9, 2026

Re: Inclement Weather Procedures

As the weather begins to cool, this is a good time to review our district's inclement weather procedures. In the event of a winter weather-related closure, staff and families will be notified promptly through ParentSquare. The Valley Stream superintendents will continue to work collaboratively when making weather-related decisions, always keeping safety and clear communication as top priorities. While unexpected changes in weather conditions can sometimes make these decisions very challenging, we will inform staff as soon as a collective decision has been reached.

For delayed openings, our priority is ensuring safe travel for everyone. Students will arrive by 10:30 a.m., with buildings open to them beginning at 10:00 a.m. Staff are asked to arrive as early as conditions safely allow and no later than 10:00 a.m. Buildings will be accessible to staff during delayed openings.

If weather conditions worsen and a delayed opening must transition to a full closure, both staff and families will be notified right away through ParentSquare. To ensure you receive updates promptly, please confirm that you receive notifications through ParentSquare.

For the first few snow days built into our calendar, we will observe traditional closures as needed. However, if all built-in snow days are used and additional closures become necessary, we may pivot to remote learning days. This approach allows us to maintain the existing school calendar and scheduled breaks while meeting state-mandated instructional day requirements.

All weather-related decisions will continue to be made in coordination with the other Valley Stream superintendents.

Thank you, as always, for your continued flexibility, support, and hard work!