

# Winter Weather 2020

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## SCHOOL SYSTEM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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School Closed on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020

Carteret County Public Schools will be closed tomorrow, Friday, February 21, for students. This decision was made based on information from NOAA forecasters and Carteret County EMS. It is always difficult to change the school calendar because it impacts the instruction of our schools and it impacts families with work schedules, child care and more. However, the safety of students, employees and their families is the number one concern. Forecasters predict the temperatures across the county between 5 and 9 a.m. to be at freezing with a trace to 2 inches of snow. This is the time window when buses, student drivers, employees and parents are traveling to school. NOAA forecasters believe most of the snow will be on the grassy areas, with smaller amounts on the roadways, particularly on secondary roads. There is concern about the condition of the many bridges in Carteret County. During this same time window there will be elevated tides, coastal flooding and strong, gusty winds, particularly in the Down East area. A delay was considered but forecasters state that the early morning weather conditions will remain the same through late morning. This decision was made with the best information on hand as possible. No one has a crystal ball, although we wish one existed.

School system staff have been sent an email and will receive a phone call regarding tomorrow's plan for employees.

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