The school district is responsible for the safety of over 9,000 students and hundreds of employees. Much thought and consideration goes into each and every closure day or delay decision.

At the school district, we greatly value instructional time so it is with great reluctance that we close any day for any reason (the last several years every snow day has been made up later in the calendar).

Whenever we have a day where morning travel conditions are questionable, we have transportation drivers examining roads from Tangent to North Albany and from Crabtree to Millersburg starting around 4:00 a.m. Often, roads are surveyed the evening prior to the next school day. Further, we contract with a meteorologist service and will often call them to get their updated perspective on the morning and afternoon commutes. In addition, we consult with superintendents from neighboring communities to see what they are planning and discuss the local situation as many of our employees commute from these neighboring districts to serve our students.

In addition, the conditions of sidewalks and walkways is evaluated to determine if it is safe for our walking students to safely navigate to school.

Ultimately a decision has to be made early in the morning to open, delay, or close (our first bus rolls before 6am). When possible, with the information and evening road conditions we have, we will make the call to delay or close school the evening prior to the next school day.

Making the decision is not an easy call, but we make that decision with the best possible information available and with the best interest of all our many stakeholders.

When in doubt we do believe it prudent to err on the side of caution. Our children’s safety is too important.