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Brenner to School Community: Sorry, I Should Have Delayed School on Monday

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Darien Schools Superintendent Dan Brenner issued a public apology Monday to Darien parents of school children. He said he should have delayed the start of school.

Snow was falling early this morning, then when school buses delivered students to the town's schools, and then for a bit after. All buses arrived safely, Brenner reported, although some had "limited delays."

"It is clear now that our best course of action would have been to begin school today with a two-hour delay," Brenner wrote. "Unfortunately, when making the decision at 5 a.m. it was not nearly so clear. As a result, I apologize for any worry that my decision may have caused to families, students and staff."

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In New Canaan, further inland than Darien, New Canaan Country School was delayed for two hours, and St. Luke's School was first delayed for two hours, then school was entirely canceled, according to NBC Connecticut.

Here's [Brenner's full statement](#):

Dear School Community,

When faced with decisions around school closures and delays the safety of our students and staff is always my highest priority. Many weather related decisions are straight forward, while others are more involved. In that spirit, I wish that I had the ability to use hindsight when making these complicated decisions, but that is obviously not possible particularly after witnessing this morning's snow event.

It is clear now that our best course of action would have been to begin school today with a two hour delay. Unfortunately, when making the decision at 5 a.m. it was not nearly so clear. As a result, I apologize for any worry that my decision may have caused to families, students and staff.

I want to report that all of our buses arrived safely to school today and with limited delays. Given the current weather forecast we are confident of a normal dismissal this afternoon.

Here's hoping this is our last storm of the winter/spring.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Dan Brenner

At a recent Board of Education meeting, Brenner discussed how he and some other superintendents in Fairfield County decide whether to close or delay school because of the weather:

- [Superintendent: When School Will End This Year and How Snow Day Decisions Get Made for Darien](#) (March 19)