

# PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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**Dr. Bracken Healy**  
Superintendent



**Mr. Colin Monahan**  
Business Administrator

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Dear Passaic Valley School Community,

I hope this letter finds you safe and warm on this wintry morning. As Superintendent, it is my ultimate responsibility to safeguard the wellbeing of the students and staff I serve. The decision to close school is made with the utmost care and concern for the safety of everyone in our school community. I would like to share several key factors that are considered on days like today.

Our school buses transport nearly 700 children. I cannot in good conscience ask our drivers and students to board these buses knowing that there is ice and freezing rain on our roadways. Additionally, we have staff members that commute from long distances, and it would be unfair to jeopardize their health by asking them to travel hazardous roads amidst inclement weather.

I must also consider our student drivers who are just beginning to navigate the roads on their own. I worry about their inexperience, especially since many of them would be driving in snow and ice for the first time. By closing school, my goal was to alleviate some of the stress and potential danger they would have faced on their commute.

I understand this decision may have disrupted your plans and caused inconveniences, but I cannot compromise on the health and safety of our students and staff. I encourage all of you to stay warm and spend this unexpected day off together with loved ones. Take the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations, explore a new hobby, or simply enjoy the beautiful snow.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. Let us all work together to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Br Healy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bracken Healy, Ed.D.  
Superintendent