

## **AVRSB to Use Alert Solutions for Unplanned Early Dismissal Notices Starting February 1, 2016**

When an unplanned early dismissal happens during the school day, schools work with AVRSB to notify parents/guardians and school community members. Unplanned early dismissals are caused by worsening weather conditions, power outages, etc.

Starting February 1, 2016, AVRSB will use Alert Solutions in addition to our current ways of communicating about unplanned early dismissals.

AVRSB will communicate unplanned early dismissals by:

- Twitter messages (follow @avrsb)
- Announcements on local radio (AVR Network, Magic 94.9, K-Rock 89.3, and CBC Radio 1)
- Information on the AVRSB website ([www.avrsb.ca](http://www.avrsb.ca))
- Alert Solution messages by text, email and/or phone for affected school(s)
- AVRSB's "Notify Me" text/email service, in cases where the dismissal affects a large number of schools (subscribe or unsubscribe at <http://avrsb.ca/content/notify-me>)

Some schools may also continue to use their own processes to notify parents/guardians about unplanned early dismissals.

AVRSB will continue to communicate **early morning notices and cancellations** related to weather and/or road conditions by:

- Twitter messages
- Announcements on local radio
- Information on the AVRSB website
- AVRSB's "Notify Me" text/email notice service

For schools that are new to Alert Solutions, information will be sent home to parents/guardians before February 1, with details on how to update your contact information and communication preferences. If your child's school has been using Alert Solutions but you have questions or need help updating your contact information and preferences, please contact your child's school.