Severe Weather and schools closure

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Problem Statement/Background

- What lead time and information is most useful for dept governor/superintendent to decide whether or not to close (dismiss, delay) school?
- What does school transportation manager need to assure children's safety?
- Is there a relationship between the observed weather and school closings?
**Objectives**
- Look for weather factors that affect school closings
- Determine information needed to help decision making for dept gov/supts.
- Attempt to create a decision tree.

**Methods**
- Obtain information about school closings from 2002-2005 for Anne Arundel County, MD, and The Gard department, France.
- Obtain weather records for school closing dates for both locations.
- Interview dept gov/supt.
Potential Obstacles:
- Lack of school closing information (or unable to obtain).
- Missing weather data.
- Unable to contact dept gov/supt. (or unwilling to participate).

Timeline:
- By Dec 31 - collect data, create questionnaire
- By Jan 31 - finish interview
- By WAS*IS - analyze / report