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**Haywood County Schools – Early Dismissal at Noon Today
Haywood County, North Carolina – September 11, 2017**

Haywood County Schools is dismissing at noon today (September 11, 2017) out of an abundance of caution as tropical storm Irma moves southwest of the region. The decision was made to dismiss after a conference call with emergency management officials at 9:00 a.m. this morning.

“We are treating this the same way we would an approaching winter storm” said, Superintendent, Dr. Anne Garrett. “We have asked schools to cancel all extra-curricular activities after the dismissal of school. We want our students and staff to be as safe as possible.”

“Todd Trantham and the Transportation Department staff will be monitoring the situation overnight. They will get with Dr. Garrett early tomorrow morning to make a decision about the status of school on Tuesday” said, Associate Superintendent, Dr. Bill Nolte. “While our forecasted weather seems better, we want everyone to exercise extreme caution. We are still expecting heavy rain and significant wind gusts between now and tomorrow morning.”

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