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Local Officials to Determine School Closings for Friday

Gov. Christie Whitman today announced that public school closings tomorrow will be at the discretion of local officials. The Governor closed schools on Thursday in anticipation of high winds and flooding resulting from the onset of Hurricane Floyd.

"Local officials will make the determination whether or not their schools will reopen tomorrow," the Governor said. "We currently anticipate improved weather conditions and feel the decision will be best handled at the local level, depending on damage and weather conditions in locations around the state."

County and local superintendents are currently being contacted by the Department of Education to inform them of the Governor's decision to allow them to make the decision about school closings for tomorrow.

