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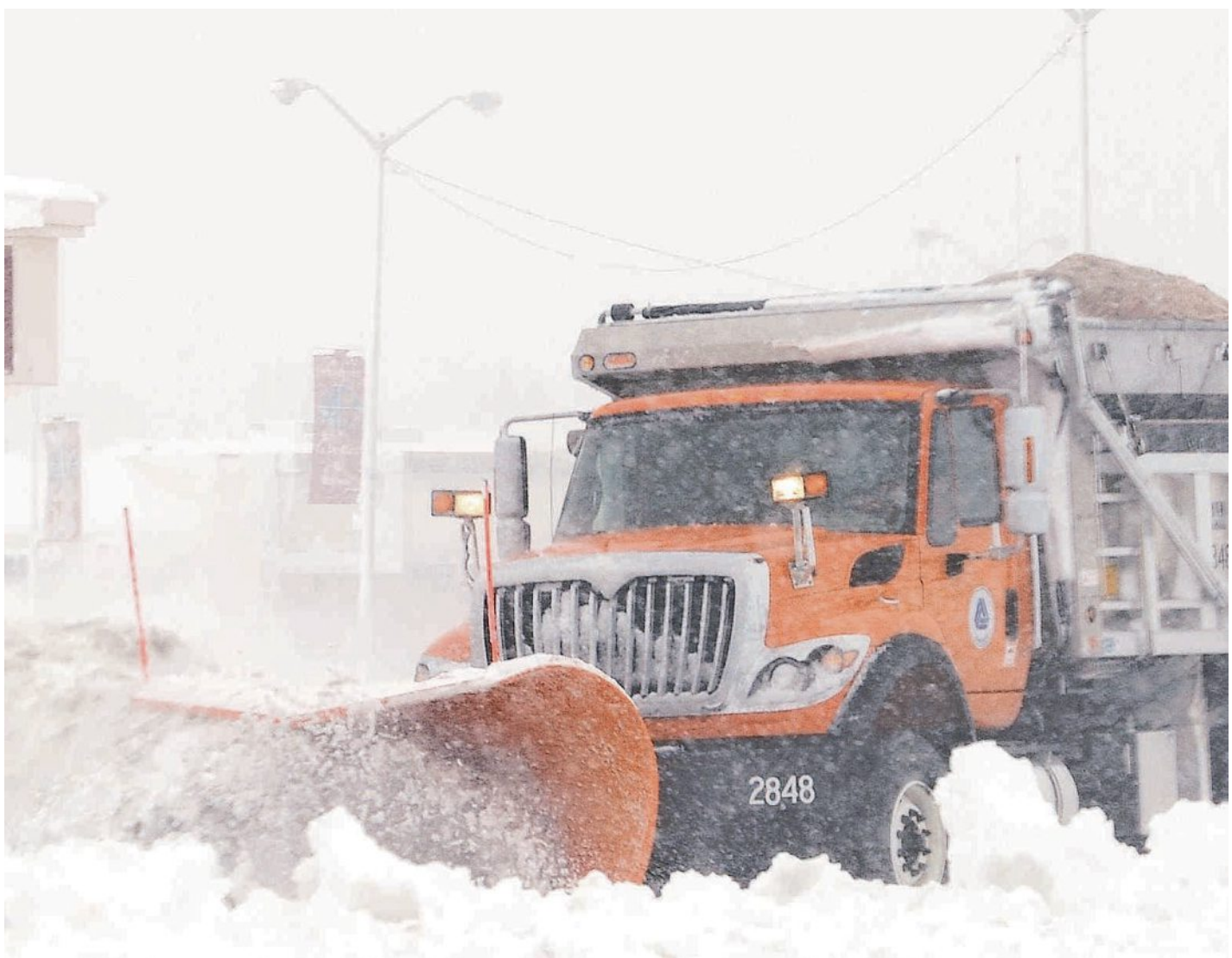
What we know about incoming snowstorm



DelDOT snow plow trying to clear US 113 in Milford on Feb. 6, 2010. GARY EMEIGH/THE NEWS JOURNAL

Could drop most snow seen in DE for a decade

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A winter storm poised to drop the most snow the state has seen in a decade could be bearing down on Delaware this weekend – but it is far from a lock.

Models have pulled snow totals north, and the beaches could see some mixing during the storm, whose scale is rare but pattern is familiar.

National Weather Service meteorologist Ray Martin said models still have room to wobble. They aren't releasing an official snow total forecast until Friday, Jan. 23, and the storm is supposed to hit late Saturday night through Monday.

"This is why we don't issue watches this far out, there could still be significant deviations," Martin said. "There's a lot of variability left."

What affects how much snow we may see?

There is not one specific factor that could affect whether you get sleet or 2 feet of snow. Martin said the atmosphere acts as a fluid, and everything can play a factor. The current El Niño-Southern Oscillation pattern, which is an influential climate pattern determined by ocean temperatures in the central Pacific Ocean, is in a La Niña phase, which is cooler than an El Niño.

The warm El Niño tends to lead to more likely "Classic I-95" heavy snowstorms, Martin said. La Niña patterns tend to pull storms north. But it's not a general rule.

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Lawmakers looking at education funding

Group charged with overhauling formula

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Delaware is considering repairs to the foundation of how it funds public schools.

The state group charged with overhauling that formula got its first chance to brief lawmakers on Jan. 21 after meeting for more than a year. Familiar faces from the Public Education Funding Commission lined the House chamber, while Secretary of Education Cindy Marten and school district leaders previewed the pitch to come.

The almost two-hour hearing brought calm questioning from both sides of the aisle, as lawmakers caught up with the "hybrid" framework commission members approved by the end of 2025.

"The important limitation to note about our current system is that the only demographic characteristics that it currently recognizes is grade level and special education status," said Colonial schools COO and CFO Emily Falcon, addressing the joint finance committee.

Soon, that could change.

The commission is looking to both

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Board nominee raises issue of Republican representation

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There's been a leadership shakeup on the Delaware State Board of Education.

Sheehan

Gov. Matt Meyer announced the nomination of Jon Sheehan as board president on Jan. 15, ahead of the same day's regular board meeting wherein former President Shawn Brittingham also shared his resignation. The Democrat's team elevated a "life-

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Airport schedule extended through the summer

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While Delaware is in for a cold week ahead, it may be time to start thinking of summer travel to warm destinations.

Avelo Airlines is extending its flight schedule through summer 2026 with a slate of warm, Southern locations to bask in the sun.

With Avelo's extended flight schedule at Wilmington Airport (ILG), passengers can now book travel to the following eight destinations through Aug. 18:

- Fort Lauderdale, Florida (FLL)
- Fort Myers, Florida (RSW)
- Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (MYR)
- Orlando, Florida (MCO)
- Lakeland, Florida (LAL)
- San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU)
- Tampa, Florida (TPA)
- Wilmington, North Carolina (ILM)

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