



WEATHER CONDITIONS THAT WARRANT CANCELLATION OF BUSES

Extreme weather conditions that warrant the cancellation of bus transportation in the Division

In cases of cold weather, temperatures -35° Celsius or colder or wind chills -40° Celsius, or colder shall be considered hazardous. The decision will be based on weather and wind chill data from the Environment Canada and the Weather Network website. In all instances, the coldest readings will be used. This recommendation will be made by the Transportation Supervisor and Superintendent/CEO.

Weather conditions that warrant the cancellation of individual buses

There can be local weather or road conditions that affect as few as one bus route. In circumstances such as this, the driver has the responsibility to communicate these conditions to the Transportation Supervisor not later than 6:15 A.M., and to jointly decide whether the bus trip will be cancelled. The principal(s) involved will be advised of the cancellation as soon as possible. Parents and students involved will be advised of the cancellation through the school division's communication system and by bus driver phone calls.

Early Dismissal of Students to Enable Buses to Leave Early

If a weather pattern develops or persists during the day that prevents buses from running at their regular afternoon dismissal time, the Transportation Supervisor, in consultation with the Superintendent/CEO, will initiate an early dismissal which may include the billeting or the pick up of students. This decision will be made not later than 1:00 P.M. on the affected day.

If a decision is made for an early dismissal, the school division and respective schools will be responsible to initiate the storm tree procedure to contact and advise parents of the decision.

Billeting of Transported Students

All pertinent billet information required as part of the school emergency response plan will be collected at all schools annually by September 30.

In the event that a decision is made to initiate the billet process divisionally or in a specific community or communities, schools will be responsible for contacting student billets. The school should have a plan for accommodating at the school, those students not billeted in private homes.

Storm Assessment Procedure

Step #1 – If a storm is in progress late in the evening, communication between the Superintendent/CEO and principals will be initiated. This will ensure principals are prepared for possible bus service cancellation the next morning.



Step #2 – The Transportation Supervisor will assess weather and travel conditions no later than 5:30 A.M. on days where adverse weather has occurred or is expected and will make a final recommendation to the Superintendent/CEO by 6:15 AM.

Step #3 – In all instances decisions will be made and communicated to principals, parents/guardians, and employees by 6:30 A.M.