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Cancellation of School Bus Service Due to Weather or Road Conditions

POLICY STATEMENT

The Strait Regional School Board recognizes that the time students are engaged in learning activities should be maximized. Extreme adverse weather, however, sometimes results in the Board not being able to provide the required services to operate a public school program safely.

Decisions to alter normal school operations including reduced transportation services, cancellation of classes or closing schools, shall be made in consideration of accurate timely information and recommendations in accordance with established procedures.

GUIDELINES

1. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools, or his/her designate, to authorize the cancellation of classes or closing of schools due to adverse road or weather conditions. These decisions shall be made with information and recommendations provided by the Director of Operations in consultation with Transportation Managers and school principals.
2. Managers of Pupil Transportation Services are responsible to monitor weather and road conditions closely. This shall occur through consultation with weather forecasting services, individual drivers, the Department of Transportation staff and if required, the RCMP. Should weather conditions dictate, a decision shall be made to alter bussing services up to and including cancellation of bus runs, cancellation of services on unpaved roads and cancellation of services to a geographical area.
3. Parents will exercise their discretion when deciding if weather or road conditions are appropriate for the safe conveyance of their children.
4. Predicted extreme weather and deteriorating conditions shall be monitored by the Operations Department during the day in consultation with school principals and bus drivers. Should the situation dictate, a recommendation from the Director of Operations will be made to the Superintendent of Schools, or designate, to close a school or schools early and transport students home while conditions are still safe.

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5. Each school will develop a cancellation plan that is consistent with and supports this policy and will communicate the cancellation plan to parents, staff and to community users of school facilities.
6. A student’s academic program will not be impacted in cases where classes are missed due to road or weather conditions, or Board transportation is not provided. Accommodations will be made by teaching staff and school administration.
7. Extra- and co-curricular activities shall be cancelled on the days when classes are cancelled or schools are closed due to weather conditions. Exceptions may be made under unusual circumstances with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.
8. Communication of an alteration of normal school operation shall be done in accordance with established procedures. These procedures shall be reviewed and amended as required to adjust to changes in staff structure and improvements in the process.
9. The Strait Regional School Board has developed a document titled School Cancellation Procedures due to Extreme Weather Conditions to guide all aspects of this policy and is accessible in the Document Depot section of the [School Board’s website](#).