



## WINTER WEATHER BUSSING INFORMATION

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Now that the winter season is here, it is important to remind you about the school division's procedure regarding inclement weather. There may be times when bus routes will not be operating due to severe weather (temperature, poor visibility, and/or road conditions). This letter outlines how these decisions are made, and identifies where you can find this information in the event of bus cancellations.

### Morning Bus Cancellations

The most likely reason for cancellation of bus service will be for severe winter weather conditions, in which case one or more bus routes in the division may be cancelled. Buses will not run if the combined temperature/wind chill factors result in a reading of  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below before the bus driver's route begins in the morning. In addition to extreme cold, there may be poor visibility, severe drifting and icy roads that are a factor in bus drivers determining that transportation of students on their route will be unsafe. We know that mornings are a hectic time for families when they are trying to get child(ren) ready for their day and parents need to get off to work. Our bus drivers care about the families they serve and will make every attempt to inform parents as early as they can in the morning; however, sometimes drivers have already started their route when they become aware of poor visibility or dangerous road conditions and this may delay communication.

**Buses that do not run in the morning DO NOT run after school.**

### End of Day Bus Cancellations / Billets

Should weather conditions make it impossible for buses to return students to their homes at the end of the school day and parents are unable to pick their child(ren) up from school, students will go to the billets that have been established for them at the beginning of each school year. The following billeting procedures will be followed:

- Bus drivers notify parents that buses are not running.
- Billets will be notified before a student leaves the school building. The principal determines if the weather conditions are conducive to students safely reaching their billets and by what mode (i.e. walking, bus, pick-up by billet, etc.) Students should not be dispatched from school until a safe arrival at their respective billets can be assured.

## Winter Attire

All students riding on buses during winter months are required to wear winter footwear and outerwear and to carry with them winter headwear and gloves or mitts. In those cases, where students are not appropriately attired for winter conditions, the bus driver may restrict access until appropriate conditions are met.

## Where to Find Bus Route Cancellation Notifications

Information about bus cancellations will be posted on the division website ([www.lskysd.ca](http://www.lskysd.ca)) as early as possible. It is important that you take note of what route/bus number your child(ren) ride on.

The following local radio stations will be contacted about morning bus cancellations:

- Q98 FM 97.9
- 1050 CJNB
- 93.3 The Rock

The bus driver will also inform all families on the route about the decision not to run.

In all of these cases, the safety of students will be the first priority. Parents are equally encouraged to keep safety in mind when determining whether to take your child(ren) to school during severe winter weather conditions. Together we can ensure our students are safe and ready to learn every day.

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