

# Weather-related closures, class cancellations and delayed school openings

In the event of severe weather, we want to make sure students and staff know where to find updates and understand how we decide to cancel classes, send students home early, delay school start times, or change/cancel bus schedules.

Schools will stay open whenever possible to provide a duty of care, closing only in extreme situations.

## HOW DO WE MAKE DECISIONS?

Our school district covers a large geographic area, so conditions at individual school sites may vary. A number of factors are considered before a decision is made, including:

- Road, sidewalk, school and parking lot conditions;
- Issues such as power outages, and other unfolding events.

Designated staff members travel predetermined routes to assess conditions, and recommendations regarding school closures, bus cancellations, or delayed openings are carefully discussed with key district personnel and neighbouring school districts. The safety of students and staff is our top priority.

## WHEN WILL I KNOW?

A decision to close schools or delay openings across the district will be made by 7:00 AM at the latest, using the best information available at the time. Since road and bus route conditions can change quickly, our Transportation team will notify families of any weather-related bus cancellations or delays.

## HOW WILL I BE INFORMED?

Except under extreme circumstances, no announcement will be made that schools are open. Only cancellations, closures, or delayed school openings will be announced. We will communicate this information as soon as possible through:



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