

September 7, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

SEVERE WEATHER/UNSAFE ROAD CONDITIONS

For the information of parents/guardians of children travelling by school bus during the winter months the Board of Education wishes to stress that no matter how good the busing system is; emergencies can happen so students should wear clothing suitable to the outside conditions.

All bus runs will be cancelled when the 5:00 am local Transportation Department temperature is at - 35 C or colder, or when the Manager of Transportation deems roads to be unsafe due to weather or road conditions. If bus runs are cancelled in the a.m., there will be no bus runs in the p.m. Schools will be open and students are encouraged to attend, if possible.

Early morning information will be available on the School District Website, Electronic/Emergency Notification system, Local Media and Facebook.

- Website: www.sd91.bc.ca
- Electronic/Emergency Notification System: School Messenger
- Facebook: available through the link on the School District Website
- Local Radio Stations:
 - CBC (Prince George/Prince Rupert)
 - CIRX – The Goat (Vanderhoof/Prince George)
 - CFBV – The Moose (Bulkley Valley)
 - CFTK – Pure Country (Terrace)

Parents should ensure that their children fully understand that they should return home to warmth if there is substantial delay in the arrival of the school bus. Attempts to hitch-hike to school are not approved.

On days of low temperatures and/or severe wind chills, parents should carefully weigh the hazards involved in their children walking long distances to a bus or school, and make an appropriate decision with respect to attendance.

Sincerely,

Brenda Rivett, Manager of Transportation