



## **Inclement Weather Facts**

### **What is the Board administrative procedure that governs decisions on Inclement Weather?**

- The Administrative Procedure is “AP805 – Weather Related Emergencies”.
- The procedure can be reviewed at the following [link](#).

### **What is the difference between a “Wind Chill Day” and a “Storm Day”?**

- A “Wind Chill Day” is defined in AP805 as a school day where the extreme windchill value may result in bus cancellations.
- A “Storm Day” is defined in AP805 as a school day when weather conditions, warnings, road closures or reports of impending weather conditions create visibility and/or road conditions that make travel unsafe or impossible.
- It is recognized that these two types of days often have some overlap and discretion must be used to determine the safety of travel.

### **What is the temperature and windchill values at which buses do not run in PWSD?**

- Buses will be canceled if the air temperature reaches -40 Celsius or windchill reaches -45 or colder as reported by Environment Canada for the Shoal Lake weather station at 6:00am.

### **How do bus cancellations impact schools?**

- In most cases, schools will remain open if buses are cancelled.
- However, if a combination of road and local weather conditions make travel unsafe or impossible, decisions can be made about school closures on a case-by-case basis.

### **Who makes the decision as to whether buses run? Whether schools are closed?**

- The Superintendent/CEO in consultation with the Transportation Supervisor makes the decision as to whether buses run.
- If the decision is made to run buses, each individual bus driver still has the right to cancel their own bus route if they decide that their bus route is not safe to drive.
- The Superintendent makes the decision whether schools are open or closed.

### **How does inclement weather affect extracurricular and community use of schools?**

- If schools are closed, all extracurricular activities and community use of schools for that day will be canceled.
- If buses are not running, decisions on extracurricular will be made on a case-by-case basis. A school principal will consult with the superintendent the day of the extracurricular activity. If conditions have improved, the activity may continue and scheduled divisional busing may be provided.
- If buses are not running, decisions on community use of schools will be made on a case-by-case basis by the school principal.

### **What about non-teaching activities on days when buses do not run due to cold weather?**

- Yes, divisional professional development and parent-teacher conferences that fall on windchill days will run when buses are cancelled.
- If buses are not running due to stormy weather, decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.