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Statement

School bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. For these instances parents should develop alternate transportation arrangements. Should the buses be running during inclement weather it is ultimately the parents/guardians responsibility to decide if they want their child(ren) to travel to school by bus.

Procedures for implementing a discontinuation of school bus transportation due to weather conditions are outlined in the Transportation Emergency Weather and School Bus Evacuation Procedures manual. This electronic document is updated yearly by **STSTB** and is available to Principals, Bus Operators and Board Office officials. Printed hard copies are also available to these parties upon request. Outlined also are procedures to be carried out in the event of a situation that may arise **during school hours** in which a school would need to be evacuated or children sent home early due to deteriorating weather conditions.

Practice

Where to find school closure and Route cancellation Information:

- STSTB snow closure line 625-1661 that is updated according to weather conditions.
- All closures, cancellations, evacuations, are updated on member Board's websites as well as STSTB: website www.ststb.ca and social media accounts.
 - Information regarding closures shall be accessible to parents through the above mediums before 7:00 a.m. and on all local radio stations by the 7:00 a.m. news broadcast and then periodically throughout



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the morning if needed.

 STSTB Bus Status App where users can subscribe to bus delays and cancellation push notifications for only the bus routes that are relevant to them as they are reported.

Except for when cancellations are due only to extreme cold temperatures, buses that do not run in the morning for other weather related reasons, will not run in the afternoon.

Rural Hydro Outage Protocol procedures are also included in the Emergency Closure booklet.