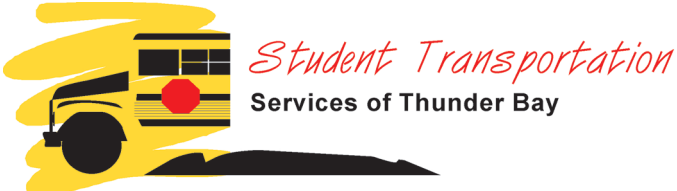


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Statement	Student transportation services may be cancelled due to inclement weather, hazardous road conditions, or other circumstances that may compromise student safety. In the interest of ensuring student well-being, transportation services may be cancelled when outdoor temperatures reach or fall below the predetermined extreme cold threshold established by the Consortium.
Practice	When the ambient temperature reaches -34°C at 6:00 a.m., student transportation services may be cancelled for the morning or for the entire day. <u>Decision-Making Process</u> Student Transportation Services of Thunder Bay (STSTB) will monitor weather conditions and temperature forecasts throughout the night and early morning. When the ambient temperature recorded at the Environment Canada Thunder Bay Airport weather station is -34°C or lower at 6:00 a.m., regardless of wind chill, STSTB may cancel student transportation services for the morning. In determining whether to cancel transportation and the duration of any cancellation, STSTB will consider all relevant factors, including: ➤ Current and forecasted ambient temperatures; ➤ The anticipated duration and severity of the extreme cold event; ➤ Road and weather conditions; and

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	➤ Any other conditions that may affect the safe transportation of students. Once a decision has been made, STSTB will notify its member school boards. Decisions regarding school closures remain the sole responsibility of the individual member school boards. <u>Transportation Cancellation Procedures</u> Detailed procedures for the suspension of student transportation services due to weather-related conditions are outlined in the Transportation Emergency Weather and School Bus Evacuation Procedures Booklet. This document is reviewed and updated annually by STSTB and is distributed to principals, transportation providers, and board office staff. An electronic version is also available through the secure professional portals on the STSTB website. Public Notification Information regarding transportation cancellations, route closures, and school closures will be communicated through the following channels: ➤ the STSTB snow closure line: 625-1661 ➤ the STSTB website: www.ststb.ca ➤ STSTB social media accounts: facebook.com/ststhunderbay threads.com/ststthunderbay instagram.com/ststhunderbay
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➤ STSTB Chipmunk Parent App and BusPlanner Delays App, including push notifications ➤ Member school board websites and social media accounts ➤ local radio stations beginning at 7:00 am. <u>Parent/Guardian Responsibility</u> The safety and well-being of students travelling to, from, and while waiting at bus stops remain the responsibility of parents/guardians. Parents/guardians are encouraged to assess local conditions and exercise their own judgment when determining whether it is appropriate for their child to use student transportation services during periods of inclement weather.	
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