



# **Winter Weather**

## **and Child Safety**

***Cold temperatures, wind chill, snow storms and bus cancellations.***

There are many days when regular school activities change because of severe winter weather. These changes are to ensure student safety.

### **1. Indoor Recess:**

- a) School recess is moved indoors when the temperature (°C) or wind chill reaches or exceeds - 27. Principals will use discretion regarding indoor/outdoor recess for early and middle years students for temperatures up to and including -27.

### **2. Bus Transportation:**

- *Individual bus routes* may be cancelled due to unsafe conditions on the route. Parents are notified via our automated calling service.
- *All school bus transportation* is cancelled when the temperature (°C) reaches - 40 and/or wind chill reaches or exceeds - 45 at 6:30 a.m. (as per Environment Canada, Gimli website) that day. When all school bus transportation is cancelled, schools are closed.

### **3. School Closures:**

Schools rarely close because of winter weather. When they do close it is usually due to a severe snow storm.

### **How will I know if buses are cancelled or schools are closed?**

When temperatures and wind chill are unusually cold, or if it is snowing heavily,

- You will receive a phone call and/or a text message if you signed up.
- Local radio stations such as CJ107.5 FM, CJOB (680 AM) (99.1 Cool FM), CJKR-FM (Power 97), CBC (990 AM) (89.3 FM), CFWM (99.9 BOB FM), CHIQ (Q-94 FM), CFRW (1290 AM), 102.3 Clear FM, CITI (92.1 FM), CFRY (920 AM) and CTV Television will announce school closures and bus cancellations
- The school division website ([www.esd.ca](http://www.esd.ca)) and your child's school website will have an announcement

**If you have any doubts about your children getting safely to and from school, please keep them at home.**