



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) 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.