October 23, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As winter approaches, we once again face the possibility of school closures due to inclement weather. This letter is to assure you that student safety is our main priority when we decide to cancel school, or to remain open. I would also like to share with you the process followed when making the decision as to whether or not we close schools:

1. Every weekday morning, from now until spring, our Transportation Manager and Assistant Transportation Manager assess weather forecasts and road conditions. Our managers speak with contacts at the Department of Transportation and consult with ASD-N staff from across our district, as well as counterparts in neighboring districts.

2. The Transportation Manager then contacts the Superintendent. Together, we examine and discuss the information we have been provided, such as current weather/highway conditions and the forecast for the day. Consideration is given to precipitation, wind conditions, visibility, road conditions and other factors.

3. Due to the fact that many of our buses begin their routes at 6:00 a.m., we try our best to make a decision prior to this time.

4. School closures may be done for the entire district, or by region, i.e. Campbellton/ Dalhousie/Bathurst only.

School cancellations and late bus runs are always announced on local radio stations and on our district website. We also post a message on our winter weather lines which can be reached at:

- 1-888-950-1919 (Campbellton-Dalhousie – Jacquet River-Bathurst)
- 1-506-778-7669 (Miramichi and Area)
- 1-506-523-0900 (Rexton)

Please note that if schools remain open and you, as a parent or guardian, find the conditions in your area are not suitable for your child to travel to school, you have the right to keep your child(ren) home. Your child(ren) will not be marked absent if you decide to keep him or her home that day. Simply note this on the excuse that you send to school the next day.

Thank you for your patience and understanding through this very important process.

Sincerely,

Mark Donovan
Superintendent