

DECISION FACTORS

Canceling classes and buses or closing schools is a difficult decision. A number of factors are considered including:

- *Temperature*
- *Visibility*
- *Wind chill*
- *Road conditions*
- *Forecast*
- *Amount of precipitation*
- *Longevity of weather pattern*



QUESTIONS

Where is the wind chill factor reader located?

The wind chill reader used by the Division is located in Boissevain and read by CJRB Radio staff.

Why is the wind chill so cold before you close?

A wind chill of -47 is in use in a number of divisions and is in the range of dangerous conditions for transporting students.

As an employee, if I hear on the radio that schools are "closed" do I have to go to work?

In all cases, please contact your supervisor for direction. Only in very rare cases will the Division close facilities. In most cases, the radio has inaccurately reported the closure.

Why is the announcement not on the radio until 7:00 a.m.?

Every effort is made to have the announcement on the radio as soon as possible. However, some circumstances may prevent all radio stations from being contacted earlier than 7:15 a.m.



TURTLE MOUNTAIN



INCLEMENT WEATHER

CANCELLING BUSES/CLASSES

The Transportation Coordinator and Secretary-Treasurer will be in contact with each other between 6:00 and 6:30 a.m.

If at 6:20 a.m. the temperature reaches -38 Celsius or the wind chill reaches -47, buses/classes will automatically be cancelled. Other factors such as visibility and road conditions may also indicate that cancellation of buses/classes is warranted.

By 6:30 a.m. the Secretary-Treasurer will be in contact with the chairman of the Operations Committee. The Chairman of Operations may contact other committee members and will contact the Secretary-Treasurer with the final decision prior to 7:00 a.m.

By **7:15 a.m.**, the Secretary-Treasurer will contact the radio stations if buses/classes are cancelled.

FOR CANCELLATION INFORMATION STAY TUNED TO:

<u>A.M.</u>	<u>F.M.</u>
CJRB 1220	FARM 101.1
CKLQ 880	KX 96.1
CBC 990	STAR 94.7
CJOB 680	

BUS CANCELLED DURING SCHOOL DAY

In some cases, buses must be cancelled while classes are in session.

Buses will not be sent out early. This is to avoid delivering students home unexpectedly.

Students will be delivered (by bus if possible) to their storm billets in town.



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RESPONSIBILITIES

PARENTS: When buses/classes have not been cancelled, the final decision as to whether the child goes to school or not is up to the parent. If a student is kept home during inclement weather they will not be penalized for missing school or exams. Parents must ensure the school has a current storm billet for their child.

STAFF: When buses/classes have been cancelled, staff are expected to attend their worksite unless a collective agreement provision is available that specifies otherwise.

In very rare instances a full closure of all Division facilities will indicate that employees are not required to attend work. In this case, staff must contact their supervisor for direction.

DIVISION: The Division will decide if buses are cancelled. When buses are cancelled for safety reasons, classes are always cancelled as well. The Division never runs classes when buses have been cancelled as more than half of our students are transported.

