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Safety and Emergency Measures: Cancellation of Student Transportation

Dear Parents:

Our transportation provider, has implemented new procedures for operation of buses during cold weather. Regina Catholic Schools (RCS) has updated our policies accordingly and would like to advise you of the new procedures.

RCS expects school buses to operate as scheduled under most weather and urban travel conditions usually experienced in Saskatchewan. There should be very few occasions when severe weather and adverse operating conditions affect school bus service. However, when these conditions arise school bus service may be delayed, altered, or cancelled. Parents/guardians are responsible for having alternate arrangements in place for their children to be transported to or from school in the event of transportation being cancelled. Students should be aware of what these arrangements are; please ensure your child is familiar with your alternate plan.

- **Para Transit buses** are automatically cancelled for the entire day when Environment Canada reports the temperature with wind chill at 6:00 a.m. is **minus 40 degrees Celsius or colder**.
- **Transportation (buses and cabs)** are automatically cancelled for the entire day when Environment Canada reports the temperature with wind chill at 6:00 a.m. is **minus 45 degrees Celsius or colder**.

Our transportation provider relies on the local media to let parents know if buses are cancelled due to severe weather. During the coldest winter months, please listen to the local radio stations in the morning as information will be relayed about school bus cancellations by 7:00 a.m.. Information will also be available through the RCS Twitter account **@RCSD_No81**, on the school division's website at www.rcsd.ca and bus planner <https://bus.rcsd.ca/>

Other conditions may arise and result in school bus service being delayed, altered, or cancelled including, but are not limited to high winds, poor visibility, extremely cold temperatures, high wind chill factors, blizzards, snowdrifts, deeply rutted or snowbound roads, torrential rain, flooding, mud.

Cancellation of bus service during the school day

In the event that buses have run as usual in the morning but during the day it becomes necessary to cancel the return trip home at the end of the day, the school division's transportation officer works with the transportation provider to communicate this information to the media as outlined above. During times of inclement weather please monitor the local radio stations to determine if school buses are being cancelled due to any of the above listed conditions, or any other emergent conditions that are making driving difficult in the city.

Students will remain at the school until a parent or guardian picks them up and signs them out of school. Please be assured that the safety of your children is always the overriding consideration when a decision is made to delay, alter, or cancel student travel.