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**To:** School Principals, Vice Principals

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RE: School Bus Cancellation Notice

On occasion service cancellation due to inclement weather conditions may be required.

To ensure all education partners (staff, parents and students) understand how they can be informed of any service cancellation, please take the appropriate steps to distribute the attached **School Bus Cancellation Notice.** 

Suggestions for sharing the information include but are not limited to:

- Sending copies home with students;
- Sending copies home in Report Card envelopes;
- Including notice in school newsletters and/or websites.
- Posting Notice in appropriate locations (hallways, staff rooms);

A decision to cancel school bus transportation will be **region-wide** meaning all buses, vans and taxis will not operate.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access local radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information. A bus cancellation message will also be available at <a href="https://www.schoolbuscity.com">www.schoolbuscity.com</a> and 1-877-330-3001 or by following the YRDSB on Twitter.

Please note that school bus charters will not operate when regular home to school service is cancelled.

Student Transportation Services thanks you for your efforts to distribute this information as we continually strive to improve service levels to our schools and students.



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## **School Bus Cancellation Notice**

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

## Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all
  municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional
  educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large
  attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to
  cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements
  to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If
  buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon.
  Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same
  transportation home.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

<b>RADIO</b> 590 AM 1540 AM	640 AM 1580 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM	
95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM	
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM	

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