

To: School Principals, Vice Principals

From: Joe Guchardi, Manager, STSYR

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.

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 <u>School Bus City</u> 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.



School Bus Cancellation Notice

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

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.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- 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:

640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM
	1580 AM 95.9 FM	1580 AM 88.5 FM 95.9 FM 97.3 FM	1580 AM 88.5 FM 89.9 FM 95.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1 FM	1580 AM 88.5 FM 89.9 FM 92.5 FM 95.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1 FM 99.1 FM

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