



# Winter Weather and Child Safety Memo

## Administrative Procedure 8.23A

There are many days when regular school activities change because of severe winter weather. These changes are to ensure students safety.

### 1. Indoor Recess:

- School recess is held indoors when the temperature or wind chill reaches or drops below  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- EY and MY Principals will use their discretion in deciding on indoor recess for temperatures up to and including  $-27^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

### 2. Bus Transportation:

- *Individual bus routes* may be cancelled due to unsafe conditions on the route. Parents will be notified via our automated calling service.
- *All school bus transportation* is cancelled under the following conditions:
  - when the temperature reaches  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  (cancellation *may* be considered if it has been at  $-37^{\circ}\text{C}$  or colder for several days);
  - and/or
  - wind chill reaches or exceeds  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  at 6:30 a.m. (as per Environment Canada, Gimli website) that day.
- **When all school bus transportation is cancelled, schools are closed.**

### 3. How will I know if buses are cancelled or schools are closed?

- If buses are going to be cancelled or schools closed, you will receive an automated phone call and/or a text message (if you signed up for such).
- Information will also be posted on:
  - the Evergreen School Division website ([www.esd.ca](http://www.esd.ca));
  - on your child's school website; and
  - [twitter.com/evergreen\\_sd](https://twitter.com/evergreen_sd).
- Many TV and radio media will also announce closures.
- Please send your child to school with warm clothes to wear.
- If you have any doubts about your child's safety getting to and from school, please keep them at home.