

## Additional Information

- Parent/guardians who choose to drive their children to school when bus transportation has been cancelled in the morning are responsible to arrange transportation home in the afternoon.
- Cancellation of morning bus service also means cancellation of afternoon bus service.
- When classes are cancelled at a school, all afternoon and evening activities at the school site are also cancelled.

## Regional Centre Staff

- Staff should refer to their respective collective agreements or Terms and Conditions of Employment and consult with their immediate supervisor about reporting to work when there are cancellations.
- When there is a partial or complete system shut-down, or when a school(s) and/or building(s) are closed, all employees who work in the affected worksites will **not** be required to report to work.
- Regional and school-based support staff who find they are unable to report to their workplace due to localized inclement weather or road conditions must contact their immediate supervisor and/or school principal as early in the day as possible.

## How to Stay Informed



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## Contact Information

Transportation Department	902-747-3645 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. <a href="mailto:transportation@srce.ca">transportation@srce.ca</a>
Operations Centre Dispatch	902-747-3642 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Emergency Telephone Number

**902-747-3642**

6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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## Class and/or Bus Delays/Cancellations Due to Weather and/or Road Conditions: A Quick Reference Guide



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## The Decision-Making Process

The safety of students and staff is the primary consideration in the decision to delay or cancel bus service or classes in a school(s).

The decision is made by the Regional Executive Director of Education after review of all available information provided by the Director of Operations. The decision-making process includes consultations with, and a review of information from, the following:

- The Regional Centre's Manager of Transportation and Director of Operations;
- Staff who personally travel on the roads early in the morning evaluating road and weather conditions;
- Weather forecasting services including Environment Canada, WSP Weather Information System, and The Weather Network;
- Local region contacts (school bus drivers);
- Neighbouring Regional Centres for Education;
- Staff of the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works;
- Provincial highway cameras; and
- RCMP, if required.

Decisions to delay or cancel bus service or classes are made, to the degree possible, prior to **6:30 a.m.**



Parents/Guardians will exercise their discretion when deciding if weather or road conditions are appropriate for the safe conveyance of their children. For more information, please refer to the detailed School Cancellation Procedures Due to Extreme Weather Conditions located in the Resources section of the SRCE website at [www.srce.ca](http://www.srce.ca).

## Phases of Cancellations

The Strait Regional Centre for Education has established detailed procedures in regards to school cancellations. The decision-making process will follow Policy IX-B-1, Cancellation of School Bus Service Due to Weather or Road Conditions, and the Regional Centre's School Cancellation Procedures as noted below:

### Phase I Cancellation of a Bus Run or Runs

When it is determined driving conditions are unsafe for school bus travel on a specific road or roads (e.g., due to high winds and/or road obstructions), a bus run or runs may be cancelled. Electronic communications will be issued and will indicate which route(s) are impacted.

### Phase II Cancellation of Bus Service on Unpaved Roads

When it is determined driving conditions are unsafe for travel on unpaved roads, electronic communications will be issued. The announcement will indicate individual bus runs, busses serving a county or all busses will be traveling on paved roads only.

### Phase III Cancellation of Classes Due to Inclement Weather

When it is determined driving conditions are too dangerous on roads for the safe transportation of students, electronic communications will be issued. The announcements will indicate "classes are cancelled at the following school(s)".

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### Phase IV Delayed Opening of School(s)

On days where conditions are such that it is not safe to open a school, a group of schools or all schools at the regularly scheduled time, however, it is predicted that conditions will improve, a "two (2)-hour delayed opening may be announced". Delayed openings may be considered when an extreme weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. It may also be considered when physical plant or utility (power, water) issues are being addressed but additional time is needed to prepare the facility for opening. Electronic communications will be issued and will indicate a two (2)-hour delayed opening is in effect. Please note both school opening and bus pickup times will be delayed by two hours.

### Phase V Early Dismissal: Predicted and Deteriorating Weather/Road Conditions During the Day

When it is determined to dismiss students early due to predicted weather conditions, electronic communications will be issued. The announcement will indicate an early dismissal at the following school(s). Announcements for early dismissals may be made in the early morning or during the day, but normally no later than 12:00 p.m. except in emergency situations.

### Phase VI Partial or Complete System Shutdown/ Schools and Buildings Closed

When it is determined travel is unsafe for students to attend school and employees to report to their worksites, a partial or complete system shutdown or building closure may be implemented. Electronic communications will be issued. The announcement will indicate either a system shutdown—all schools and buildings are closed or a partial system shutdown—all schools and buildings are closed at specific worksites.