

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS / GUARDIANS

### ANGLOPHONE SOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT (formerly School Districts 6, 8 & 10)

#### SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Anglophone South School District is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students and recognizes that it may be necessary to cancel a bus run(s), close school(s), or delay school opening to ensure students are not endangered by hazards brought on by poor weather or road conditions.

The following options are considered when deciding what to do during inclement weather situations:

1. Schools are open as usual in which case no announcement will be made.
2. All schools are closed for the day with an appropriate announcement being relayed to:
  - the local radio stations prior to 6:30 a.m.,
  - the District website ([www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca))
  - follow us on twitter [http://twitter.com/ASD\\_South](http://twitter.com/ASD_South)
  - the District Information Phone line ( toll free: **1-855-535-7669 [SNOW]** ).

Parents are encouraged to access the above noted methods early in the morning, particularly on days when the weather is inclement.

3. Schools are closed by Education Centre:
  - Hampton Education Centre (formerly District 6)
  - Saint John Education Centre (formerly District 8)
  - St Stephen Education Centre (formerly district 10)

Schools within an Education Centre may be closed depending on conditions.

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4. School bus routes are delayed one hour. **On these occasions, all schools will open at their regular time to receive students. Students arriving late will not be penalized.**
5. Schools may be closed early on days when the weather conditions are anticipated to deteriorate significantly during the day. Every effort will be made to notify parents via the radio or by telephone for students in Kindergarten to Grade 5. Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring alternate arrangements are in place for their child(ren) in cases when they or another adult will not be available to be home.

During the winter months, there may be occasions when the condition of a particular road along a bus driver's route is hazardous. Individual school bus drivers have a responsibility to recommend to their supervisor either the cancellation or delay of their individual bus runs should they have a safety concern. Whenever possible, notice of a late bus or a cancelled bus run will be announced on the radio and posted on the Website.

While the loss of valuable instruction time is always a concern, the safety of students is paramount. The decision to close schools is always made with this in mind. **If schools remain open, and as a parent/guardian you feel that conditions in your area are not conducive to your child going to school, then ultimately, you have the final decision whether or not to send your child to school.** Absences on these days will not be a factor in a student's attendance record.

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