

Anglophone West School District
An Important Message to Parents
School Closures Because of Weather Conditions

Anglophone West School District is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students. The District recognizes it may be necessary to cancel bus runs, close schools, or delay school opening to ensure students are not endangered by hazards brought on by poor weather and road conditions.

Approximately 24,000 students attend 76 schools in the following areas: Perth-Andover, Bath, Florenceville-Bristol, Canterbury, Centreville, Debec, Plaster Rock, Hartland, Grand Falls, Burtts Corner, Millville, Nackawic, Edmundston, Woodstock, Chipman, Coles Island, Minto, Cambridge Narrows, Gagetown, Geary, Fredericton Junction, Burton, Oromocto, Lincoln, Upper Miramichi, Doaktown, Stanley, Harvey, McAdam, New Maryland, and the greater Fredericton area.

276 school buses transport approximately 15,000 students, travelling more than six million kilometers each school year. When a decision is made to close school, delay school opening, cancel bus runs, or delay bus runs, safety is the paramount factor.

Options Considered

- **Schools open as usual:** no communication required
- **All schools closed for the day:** see “Communication” section below
- **A school or schools in a particular zone of the district closed**
- **All school bus routes delayed by one hour:** On these occasions, all schools in the district will open at their regular time to receive walking students and drop-off students. Students arriving late will not be penalized.
- **Schools may be closed early** on days when it is anticipated that weather conditions may deteriorate significantly. It is important that parents have alternate arrangements for their children if they or another adult will not be at home to receive the students. Please ensure that the school has up-to-date contact numbers (work numbers, cell numbers, etc.) for parents and at least one emergency contact. It will be announced that buses will run their afternoon runs one, two, or three hours earlier than usual, whatever time is determined.

Important Notes

- Because of varying weather conditions throughout the district, there may be occasions when a particular bus route is hazardous. In cases where the bus driver has a safety concern, he or she has the responsibility to recommend either the cancellation or delay of their particular bus run.
- On days that the weather or road conditions are poor, parents may exercise their prerogative to keep children at home. Students will not be penalized for such absences, however, parents must provide a written excuse to the student’s teacher when the child returns to school.
- There are times when school buses run late for reasons unrelated to weather. Individual school buses expected to be more than 20 minutes late will be announced whenever possible. Parents are responsible for the safety of their children at the stop until the bus comes.

School Zones

1. Edmundston
2. Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Grand Falls
3. Centreville, Florenceville-Bristol, Bath, Hartland, Woodstock, Debec
4. McAdam, Harvey, Canterbury, Nackawic, Burtts Corner, Millville
5. Stanley, Boiestown, Doaktown
6. Greater Fredericton Area (including New Maryland, Keswick Ridge, Nashwaak Valley)
7. Oromocto, Geary, Burton, Lower Lincoln, Sunbury West
8. Chipman, Minto
9. Cambridge Narrows, Coles Island, Gagetown

Decision Process

The Superintendent of Schools makes the decision to keep open or close schools after district transportation personnel provide current information about weather and road conditions. The school district transportation department has access to current weather and road conditions throughout the district through the Department of Transportation road supervisors and contracted weather information service provider, as well as other internet sites. Inclement weather predictions are monitored closely throughout the evening and again from 5:00 a.m. onward.

Communication

It is a school based decision to use voice messaging , if available. Parent should not rely on this means of notification. Announcements will be made on local radio stations, a recorded message can be heard by dialing the district public information line at ----- any time after 6:00 a.m., and checking the district website at www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca for information about school closures.

The following is a list of stations that will be notified of a school closure/delay for announcements:

MEDIA – RADIO STATIONS

92.3 Fred FM 77 Westmorland Street, Suite 400 Fredericton New Brunswick E3B 6Z3
Big Country 97 (WBPW), Q96.1 (WQHR), 102 The Rock (WOZI) 9 Cross Road, Somerville Hartland New Brunswick E7P 3C3
Capital FM (CIBX-FM) 206 Rookwood Avenue. Fredericton New Brunswick E3B 2M2

<p>CBZ-CBC 1160 Regent Street. P.O. Box 2200 Fredericton New Brunswick E3B 5G4</p>
<p>CFJU-FM 6943 route 17 Saint-Quentin Kedgwick New Brunswick E8B 1Z9</p>
<p>CIKX-FM (K 93) 399 Broadway Boulevard Grand Falls New Brunswick E3Z 2K5</p>
<p>CIXN-FM (96.5 Joy FM) 1010 Hanwell Road, Suite 10 Fredericton New Brunswick E3B 6A4</p>
<p>CJ104 131 Queen Street, Unit 2 Woodstock New Brunswick E7M 2M8 Contact Angela Ferguson</p>
<p>CJEM-fm 92.7/CKMV-FM 64, rue Rice Edmundston New Brunswick E3V 1T2</p>
<p>CJPN-FM 715, rue Priestman Fredericton New Brunswick E3B 5W7</p>
<p>CJRI 104.5 151 Main Street Fredericton New Brunswick E3A 1C6</p>
<p>CKHJ & CFX (FOX) 206 Rookwood Avenue Fredericton New Brunswick E3B 2M2</p>
<p>CKNB 74 Water St. Campbellton New Brunswick E3N 1B1</p>
<p>Radio CFAI 165, boulevard Hébert Edmundston New Brunswick E3V 2S8</p>