

# For Information:

When there is the possibility of inclement weather, school closures or transportation notices, an Alert Notice will appear on the top of the home page of our website at [www.bsd.ca](http://www.bsd.ca) and our social media channels. Local media outlets will also be provided with detailed information.

The Brandon School Division's Supervisor of Transportation is in contact with local municipal offices and, after surveying the bus routes, any necessary decisions are made by 6:30 am.

Brandon School Division's first priority is always the safety of our students. Therefore, if a decision is made to cancel bus service or close a school, we will notify local media outlets prior to 7:00 am to advise which buses have been cancelled, which buses (if any) will be operating, and whether any of our schools are closed. An automated phone call will be also sent out to each affected family as soon as possible.

Our BSD website and social media accounts will also provide current transportation information.

# Decision Factors:

Closing schools due to inclement weather is a difficult decision to make. Based on Administrative Procedure 2120, a number of factors are taken into consideration, including:

- Environment Canada weather information (temperature/windchill);
- Manitoba Highway roads and traveller information with focus on Highway 1, 1A, 10 and Veterans Way;
- longevity of inclement weather pattern; and
- actions being taken by other local authorities.

IF THE SUPERVISOR OF TRANSPORTATION DOES NOT ADVISE MEDIA OUTLETS BY 7:00 AM, IT MEANS THAT ALL BUSES IN THE BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION ARE RUNNING AND ALL SCHOOLS ARE OPEN.



# SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

## Information for Parents/Guardians & Students

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# INCLEMENT WEATHER AND WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

## Parents:

When schools remain open during inclement weather this choice is made because of uncertainty about the ability of parents to make alternate arrangements for their children for the day while they attend to work. Neither the School Division nor the City authorities support placing students at risk by allowing them to be left home alone. This has been a long-standing practice of the Division.

On a day when parental discretion is advised, parents are asked to make their own judgment about what is best for their child. The reason for making such an announcement is two-fold:

- To support parents who do not wish their child/children to venture outside based on the distance and conditions between their home and the school; and
- To support parents who will experience difficulty if emergency accommodation for their students must be found on short notice.

## Students:

As long as schools are open, some students will be inclined to attend. While this level of student interest is welcomed, parents and students should be aware that there is no penalty for missing school on a day when parental discretion is advised.

## General:

When "travel is not recommended" the intent is that people who do not have to travel should not, but that people, including those who are considered to be employees of essential services, can travel with caution.

As long as schools are open, teachers can be considered essential workers, and with discretion, can be expected to attend to schools to provide for students from homes where parents may also be expected to be at work.

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Should you have any questions, please contact your child's school or our Transportation Office:

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## Year Round Emergency Procedures

If you hear rumors of any school emergency, please follow these procedures:

- **TURN ON YOUR RADIO OR VISIT THE BSD WEBSITE.**
  - We will post information and keep media accurately informed of any emergency.
- **PLEASE DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL.**
  - We have limited phone lines. These must be used to respond to the emergency. Please make all inquiries to the Brandon School Division Office at 204-729-3100 or Email: [info@bsd.ca](mailto:info@bsd.ca).
- **PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL UNLESS REQUESTED.**
  - Any emergency involving your child's school may mean emergency vehicles and disaster workers must be able to get to the building. If the emergency necessitates relocation of staff and students, stay tuned to the radio or visit the BSD website to find out when and where to pick up your child/children.

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- 96.1 FM | 101.1 FM
- 94.7 FM | 91.5 FM