
Inclement Weather FYI

School Closures

The decision to close a school is made by the Director of Education. While it is unlikely that we would ever close a school due to extreme weather, if it were to occur, an alert will be posted on the board and school websites and social media. Parents / guardians will also be notified by Synervoice message (telephone). Parents/guardians may also hear information on local radio.

If a school is closed, all bussing to that school will be cancelled.

Bus Cancellations

Transportation to and from school is provided by the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC).

The RCJTC is a non-for-profit organization set up between the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board and the Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) to provide safe, cost effective, on time delivery of transportation services for the students in Renfrew County.

The RCJTC website (onthebus.ca) contains the most up-to-date information on school bus delays and cancellations. Cancellations will also be tweeted @RCJTC_Trans. An email will be sent to those subscribed to RCJTC delays and cancellations.

RCJTC will make the decision to cancel buses and announcements will be posted to the RCJTC website by 6:00am.

Information on transportation cancellations is also available through media and online notifications.

In a situation where school buses are cancelled, schools will remain open. Parents should always assess weather and road conditions and make their own decision to send their children to school. Parents are not expected to drive their children to school in bad weather.

School Crossing Guards

Municipalities and townships are responsible for crossing guards. Please contact your local government office if you have additional questions.

Community Use of Schools

Bookings for evening use of RCDSB facilities are managed by the RCDSB Outreach Coordinator. When there is inclement weather, access is suspended. Users are notified by email.

Parents/guardians should take notice of the following guidelines:

1. If parents choose not to send their child to school during extreme weather events, they must notify the school.
2. Parents should monitor the Board website and stay tuned to radio for weather reports and RCDSB announcements.
3. Parents who choose to drive their children to school are required to make the necessary arrangements for the safe return home of their children at the end of the day. Buses which do not run in the morning will not run for the rest of the day.