



ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The winter season is now upon us and with it, we know we will be facing inclement weather events over the next few months.

Lost instructional time is a major concern for our education system. It is important to stress that keeping schools open is a high priority for our district/province; however, **keeping students and staff safe will remain as our highest priority.**

To find balance with student safety and keeping schools open, the following options may be employed in the upcoming months:

Early Dismissal – This may occur when an unexpected weather event occurs. Buses will be called back to the school and parents notified.

Individual School Closures/Regional School Closures – This may occur when one or more schools are affected by a severe weather event in their local area.

It is important to point out that communication to parents will remain the same for any/all school closures or delays, i.e. radio announcements, storm line notification, website post, email to staff, etc.

Important Note: Parents have the right to keep their child home should they deem road conditions unsafe. A written note to the school will be required and students will not be penalized.

Delayed Bus Runs - This may occur after a storm has passed and some additional time is needed to clear roadways, parking lots, etc. **When this occurs, schools will open at their normal hours of operation and staff will be present.** Parents will have the option of dropping students off at their respective schools; however, bus runs may be delayed by one or two hours.

Changes To Snow Days Due To Covid-19?

There has been a lot of discussion as to whether there would be changes to how “Snow Days” are handled during this unique school year. **In sum, nothing has changed in terms of expectations for our schools and teachers.**

However, it is important to point out that last year, each school had been asked to develop a "Storm Day Plan". This plan could look very different from school to school or classroom to classroom. The emphasis may be on academic goals or the physical/social/emotional development of students. Individual schools have the discretion to make these final determinations.

I believe most would agree there are no easy answers regarding the issue of Storm Days in New Brunswick. As a district, we will continue to do our best to put safety first, while at the same time providing for the educational/emotional needs of all students.

For your information, our winter weather lines can be reached at the following:

- 1-888-950-1919 (Campbellton-Dalhousie – Jacquet River-Bathurst)
- 1-506-778-7669 (Miramichi and Area)
- 1-506-523-0900 (Rexton)

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Donovan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Donovan
Superintendent
Anglophone School District – North

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