

## 1. Policy Information

Section: Weather Related School Vehicle Cancellations  
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## 2. Rationale

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) policy for Weather Related School Vehicle Cancellations identifies the process used to cancel school vehicle transportation due to inclement weather.

## 3. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the SCSTC to communicate weather related school vehicle cancellations when school vehicle operators, in consultation with the SCSTC, decide to cancel school vehicles due to weather or road conditions.

## 4. Overview

- 4.1. Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) and Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (SMCDSB) schools within the boundaries of Simcoe County follow this policy. Cancellation information can be found at the SCSTC website - see SCSTC website below.
- 4.2. Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board schools within the boundaries of Muskoka follow the procedures identified by Trillium Lakelands District School Board for Saint Mary's, Huntsville, Monsignor Michael O'Leary, Bracebridge and St. Dominic C.S.S., Bracebridge.
- 4.3. Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board schools within the boundaries of Nipissing-Parry Sound follow the procedures identified by Nipissing-Parry Sound Student Transportation Services for St. Peter the Apostle School, Parry Sound.
- 4.4. Weather related school vehicle cancellations are the responsibility of School Vehicle Operators, in consultation with SCSTC.
- 4.5. Every effort is made to communicate the decision to cancel school vehicles in Simcoe County by 6:00 a.m., and in Muskoka and Parry Sound by 6:30 a.m.
- 4.6. Weather related school vehicle cancellations will be communicated through the SCSTC website, Twitter and/or the local media.
- 4.7. When transportation services are cancelled, information related to the school day is available through the students' respective school.

- 4.8. If school vehicle services are cancelled in the morning, the school vehicles will not pick up students at school in the PM to return them home.
- 4.9. Weather related school vehicle cancellations may be made for a specific weather zone, multiple weather zones; or a complete cancellation. To identify your students' schools weather zone, contact your school or visit the SCSTC website.
- 4.10. When the weather deteriorates during the day, while students are at school, transportation services will maintain their regular schedule. In the unlikely event that the decision to send the students home early is made by the school vehicle operators in consultation with the SCSTC and the Member District School Boards, the effected school Principals or designate will be responsible for contacting the parents and/or guardians of all students to inform them that their child(ren) will be leaving school early.
- 4.11. SCSTC Website: [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca)

## 5. References

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