

November 23, 2018

REMINDER OF INCLEMENT WEATHER STORM WATCH PROCEDURES

Dear parents and guardians,

The Weather Network is forecasting inclement weather on Monday and Tuesday. This **could** cause cancellation of transportation for some schools. Here are some important reminders to ensure you receive accurate and timely information.

As our school board covers a large territory (Laval, Laurentides and Lanaudière), the weather conditions vary from one region to another. For this reason, transportation could be cancelled early next week in some areas of the school board.

As per the school board's <u>policy concerning emergency closure of establishments during inclement</u> weather, here are the three different circumstances possible during inclement weather:

- Cancellation of transportation (occurs during inclement weather conditions rendering the road conditions hazardous):
 - Students remain at home;
 - <u>Daycare services are open</u> (only for students registered as regular users, OR sporadic users registered for that particular weekday in daycare).
 - Daycare fees and schedule will be the same as on a Ped day.
- Suspension of classes during unforeseen circumstances (for example, power outage, water damage, etc.):
 - Students remain at home or will be sent home if they are at school;
 - Daycare services are closed.
- Temporary closure of establishment:
 - When an establishment is temporarily closed, students remain at home;
 - Daycare services are closed;
 - Employees do not report to work.

COMMUNICATING THE INFORMATION

Once the decision is made to cancel transportation, we immediately:

- Post the information on the SWLSB website (www.swlauriersb.gc.ca);
- List the names of schools where transportation is cancelled on the School Board's main phone line (450 621-5600 or 1 866 621-5600);
- Post the information on the SWLSB Facebook page (www.facebook.com/swlsb);
- Send the information via the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board mobile app. (You must download the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board app on the Apple Store or Google Play to receive notifications.);
- Inform the media.



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CHALLENGES

In this day and age, information travels fast but unfortunately not always accurately. **Once we send this information to the media, we have no control over the message that is broadcast.** The best way to get the most accurate and reliable information is to consult the SWLSB website and Facebook page, download the app to receive notifications or to call the School Board's main phone line at **450 621-5600 or 1 866-621-5600**.

BUS TRANSPORTATION DELAYS DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

During inclement weather days, please expect some delays on the morning and/or afternoon bus routes. Laval high school parents can locate their child's STL bus in real time at the following website http://www.stl.laval.gc.ca/en/students-zone/integrated-school-bus-routes/locate/.

We take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful weekend!

The Transportation and Communications Departments