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1. Policy Scope

The policy and procedure below applies to the bus companies providing home to school transportation under contract to Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services and sets out how bus cancellations due to inclement weather will be communicated.

2. Policy Statement

The decision to cancel school bus runs due to inclement weather rests with the school bus company itself and not STS. Cancellations will be posted online at www.mybigyellowbus.ca by 6:30 AM on the morning of the inclement weather event.

While school bus service may be cancelled due to road and weather conditions, schools will remain open unless specifically posted otherwise by the respective School Board.

3. Policy Action Items

- ✓ Bus companies determine if school bus routes should be cancelled on the day of the inclement weather event.
- ✓ **In the event of bus cancellations due to FOG, buses will be cancelled in the morning but will operate in the afternoon as scheduled unless otherwise posted. (effective September 2018)**
- ✓ In the event of bus cancellations due to any other kind of inclement weather, bus cancellations are in effect for the entire day.
- ✓ In the event that an inclement weather event occurs or is expected to occur during school hours, the decision will typically be made by 11:30 am at the latest. STS will notify the School Board official so that emergent arrangements can be made.
- ✓ STS and its member school boards are not responsible for transportation expenses incurred by a family in the event of interruptions of regularly scheduled transportation service.
- ✓ **Parents/guardians are responsible for:**
 - Being the ultimate decision maker regarding whether or not their student travels to/from a bus stop and/or school during inclement weather;
 - Knowing their student's bus information (bus run number, bus company and



- bus company phone number)
- Providing current emergency contact information to the school;
- Ensuring their student is dressed appropriately for inclement weather.
- ✓ **Notification of Bus Cancellations:**
 - Bus cancellations due to inclement weather will be posted publically on www.mybigyellowbus.ca, which is the official source of information.
 - Please note that school bus delays may occur while vehicles are in service for reasons other than area-wide inclement weather. For more information, refer to Emergency Procedures/ Public Notice of School Bus Delays and Cancellations, which covers the spectrum of notifications and how to receive them.

4. Forms

There are no forms associated with this policy.