



School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)
Transportation Dept.

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Our Purpose: is to provide a safe, comfortable, pleasant environment for students to ride to and from school by: Meeting the needs of the District, Maintaining a positive image, Recognizing the challenges, Supporting mutually beneficial initiatives, Promoting harmonious relationships and mutual respect, Taking care of the little things...

September 18, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: POOR VISIBILITY /ROAD CONDITIONS

On occasion we experience low visibility and or poor road conditions that compromise our ability to stop safely on public roadways. This can be as a result of dense fog, heavy snow or icy conditions.

In these situations our drivers use their best judgment to determine if the stop can be done safely in accordance with, "*Motor Vehicle Act and Regulation - Division 11.12. (1)(b)*". This regulation requires us to ensure that we can be seen a minimum of 60 meters. In these situations parents will need to make alternate arrangements for their children. If you suspect these conditions exist you can contact us to make alternate arrangements by contacting your Transportation Coordinator in your area.

Burns Lake:	(250)692-3130	Sue Disher
Fraser Lake:	(250)699-6995	Lisa Barnes
Vanderhoof:	(250)567-9618	Brenda Rivett
Fort St James:	(250)996-7835	Frances Honeywell

SEVERE WEATHER/UNSAFE ROAD CONDITIONS

For the information of parents of children travelling by school bus during the winter months the Board of Education wishes to stress that no matter how good the busing system is, emergencies can happen so students should wear clothing suitable to the outside conditions.

All bus runs will be cancelled when the 5:00 am Transportation Department temperature is at -35 C or colder, or when the Manager of Transportation deems roads to be unsafe due to weather conditions. **If bus runs are cancelled in the a.m., there will be no bus runs in the p.m.** Schools will be open and students are encouraged to attend, if possible.

Early morning information will be available on the School District Website, School Messenger – notification service, local radio stations and Facebook.

Website: www.sd91.bc.ca

School Messenger: notification service

Facebook: available through the link on the school district website

Local Radio Stations:

- CBC (Prince George, Prince Rupert)
- CFLD - The Moose (Smithers)
- CFRN (Terrace)
- Valley Country (Vanderhoof)
- CJFW (Terrace)
- FM94 (Prince George)

Parents should ensure that their children explicitly understand that they should return home to warmth if there is substantial delay in the arrival of the school bus. Attempts to hitch-hike to school are not approved.

On days of low temperatures and/or severe wind chills, parents should carefully weigh the hazards involved in their children walking long distances to a bus or school, and make an appropriate decision with respect to attendance.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Yours truly,

Tracey Syrota,
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