

NOTICE TO PARENTS

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on our website by 7:00 A.M. An announcement that "all classes in the Public Schools Branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a "family of schools". Partial system closures or delays will be announced by family of schools. (See Below)

ONE HOUR DELAY

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 A.M., a one hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 A.M.

LATE BUSES

In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #297 is running 30 minutes late).

SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE DAY

It may be necessary to close school part way through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our PSB website as early as possible.

Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. If you have not done so already, please notify the school of these arrangements as soon as possible.

EXTREME WEATHER DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Should the Department of Transportation and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off Island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our website.

On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess or lunch, or remain outside upon morning arrival.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS

1. **The final decision** to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
2. **Please do not drop children off at school** unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
3. **Please listen** to the radio and check the PSB website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 A.M. daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 A.M.
4. **Please do not** call the school, PSB office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

FAMILIES OF SCHOOLS

WESTISLE FAMILY

Westisle Composite
Hernewood Intermediate
M.E. Callaghan Intermediate
Alberton Elementary
Bloomfield Elementary
Ellerslie Elementary
O'Leary Elementary
St. Louis Elementary
Tignish Elementary

THREE OAKS FAMILY

Three Oaks Senior High
Summerside Intermediate
Athena Consolidated
Miscouche Consolidated
Elm Street Elementary
Greenfield Elementary
Parkside Elementary

KENSINGTON FAMILY

Kensington Int. Sr. High
Queen Elizabeth Elementary

KINKORA FAMILY

Kinkora Regional High
Somerset Elementary
Amherst Cove Consolidated

BLUEFIELD FAMILY

Bluefield Sr. High
Central Queens Elementary
East Wiltshire Intermediate
Englewood
Eliot River Elementary
Gulf Shore Consolidated
Westwood Primary

CHARLOTTETOWN FAMILY

Charlottetown Rural High
Donagh Regional
Glen Stewart Primary
L.M. Montgomery Elem.
Sherwood Elementary
Stonepark Intermediate
Stratford Elementary
West Kent Elementary

Colonel Gray Senior High
Birchwood Intermediate
Parkdale Elementary
Prince Street Elementary
Queen Charlotte Intermediate
Spring Park Elementary
St. Jean Elementary
West Royalty Elementary

MONTAGUE FAMILY

Montague Regional High
Belfast Consolidated
Cardigan Consolidated
Georgetown Elementary
Montague Intermediate
Montague Consolidated
Southern Kings Consolidated
Vernon River Consolidated

MORELL FAMILY

Morell Consolidated
Morell Regional High
Mt. Stewart Consolidated

SOURIS FAMILY

Souris Regional

Thank you for your support.

Together we will work to ensure a safe winter for all of our children.