

*Franco-Nord  
School District # 93  
&  
Diversified Transportation Ltd.*

***Winter Guidelines  
for  
School Bus  
Transportation***

Winter driving can be challenging for most drivers and school bus drivers are no exception. Therefore it may become necessary to cancel school bus service for one or more bus routes due to severe weather and or road conditions. Some of these conditions could be but not limited to;

➤ **Heavy Snow Fall, High Winds and Drifting Snow**

The decision to alter or cancel bus service on one or more bus routes will be made by 06:30 AM and is the responsibility of the DTL Operations Manager. No decision shall be made without consultation with Franco-Nord school principal. Once the decision has been made to cancel school bus runs, all radio stations will be notified.

- **In the AM before student pick up;**

The parents of the students would be telephoned as quickly as possible for any route altering.

- **In the PM with students still at school;**

If the buses were unable to navigate the streets and roads due to a heavy snow fall, for the safety of the students Franco-Nord school would telephone all parents to pick up their children at the school.

➤ **Freezing rain**

Due to the unpredictability of road conditions in the different areas in and around our city, the DTL Operations Manager would make a decision based on information received from YRB Highway Maintenance, the City of Prince George, Street Maintenance Department, the media and Franco-Nord school principal. Once the decision has been made to cancel school bus runs, all radio stations will be notified.

**Note:** The same process for "Freezing Rain" would apply for AM & PM as with "Heavy Snow Fall, High Winds and Drifting Snow"

➤ **Road Closure due to Construction or Civic Emergency**

A notification notice of a road closure from the City of Prince George Works Department or YRB Highway Maintenance which would affect bus service, dispatch will reroute a bus around the affected street or roads, if possible. Parents would be phoned of any changes to the bussing schedule pick up or drop off times. If not, then dispatch would call parents to arrange a pick up location or drop off. If dispatch is unable to contact the parents, the school would be contacted and the students would be returned to the school.

➤ **Power outage**

In the event of a power outage, DTL would take direction from Franco-Nord school principal.

**Note:**

**It is important to note that Franco-Nord School will always be open to all students during regular school hours.**

**Parents of Franco-Nord students should listen to the radio stations for school bus updates. There is no preference of radio stations however, 97.3, “The Wolf”, seems to get bussing information on the air the fastest.**