

# Sunrise School Division

## Divisional Procedure: Weather Related School Closure Fall 2015

### Rationale

1. The majority of our students utilize our Transportation System (buses) to get to and from school.
2. Many of our staff commute long distances to their work sites in our rural school division.
3. As an educational organization and employer, the Sunrise School Division believes that the safety of staff and students is paramount.

### Extreme Road Conditions:

1. If roads are unsafe for all vehicular travel, bus operations need to be suspended and all sites closed.

### Cold Weather Conditions:

1. If it is unsafe to operate our buses due to cold weather or if it is too cold for students to be exposed to extreme temperatures while waiting for buses, then we need to suspend bus operations.

### Procedure

Sunrise School Division operations can be closed due to the following weather related concerns:

### Extreme Road Conditions

Bus operations suspended.  
All sites closed to staff and students.

### Weather Conditions That Meet

- 35 degrees Celsius or colder (without wind chill).
- 45 degrees Celsius or colder (with wind chill).

Bus operations will be suspended and Schools will be closed by REGIONS in Sunrise.

#### Region #1

(Oakbank Elementary, **Springfield Middle School**, Springfield Collegiate, École Dugald School, Anola School, Hazelridge School, Gillis School, École Beausejour Early Years School, École Edward Schreyer School)

#### Region #2

(Whitemouth School, Centennial School, Lac du Bonnet Senior School)

#### Region #3

(École Powerview School)

## Communications

1. As a matter of practice, a decision to close schools will be made by the Superintendent (or designate) in consultation with the Transportation Manager, between 6:00 a.m. and 6:45 a.m. If a decision is made to suspend bus operations and close schools by any or all regions, every effort will be made to share the information with staff, students, and parents by the following means:
  - Information available on CBC 990 AM, CJOB 680 AM and QX104 FM.
  - Information will be posted on the divisional website [www.sunrisesd.ca](http://www.sunrisesd.ca).
  - A telephone fan out will be utilized to inform all divisional managers and school administrators who will in turn notify their staff.
  - All parents in any Region where buses are not running and schools are closed will be notified by an automated telephone call.
2. If notice to suspend operations has not been announced by the radio stations, nor posted on our website, staff, students, and parents are to assume that buses will be running and that schools will be open.
3. If we have made the decision to run our bus operations and parents do not feel that the conditions are safe, they do retain the right to keep their child at home.

## Further Information for Parents

- Synrevoice now includes the capacity to send a message to all phone numbers in our student specific database. In the event of a regional or divisional closure, a message will be sent to the appropriate numbers.
- Information will be posted on the divisional website. <http://www.sunrisesd.ca/weather/Pages/default.aspx>
- In the event buses cannot run at the end of the day, a Synrevoice message will be sent. A decision will be made by 2:00 pm. Parents will be requested to pick up their students.
- Temperatures Cold, School Still Open  
There will be days on which schools are open and yet temperatures are still cold. Students are to stay inside if temperatures exceed -28 degrees Celsius with or without the wind chill.