

***Important - New information!**

September 2016



LAKESHORE
SCHOOL DIVISION

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Lakeshore School Division

School Closures

1. The Director of Operations and Infrastructure, in consultation with personnel in each region of the division, and the Superintendent/CEO will be in contact with each other between 6:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. The Superintendent/CEO will make the final decision regarding cancelling **buses/classes by 6:30 a.m.**
2. The Division Office will activate the automated phone messaging system. The phone messaging system will contact **all** staff and student households.
3. The Division Office will contact the radio stations and post information on the website www.lakeshoresd.mb.ca, **Facebook** and **Twitter @LakeshoreSD**

Decision Factors

Cancelling buses/classes or closing schools is a difficult decision. The following factors are considered:

- Temperature
- Visibility
- Windchill
- Road conditions
- Forecast
- Amount of precipitation
- Longevity of weather pattern

Cancellation information:

CBC 990 AM BOB 99.9 FM
CFRY 920 AM QX 104 FM
CKDM 730 AM Virgin 103 FM
CJOB 680 AM City TV
CTV morning news
Winnipeg Free Press



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Responsibilities

Division

The Superintendent/CEO will decide if buses are cancelled and/or schools are closed. When **buses are cancelled** for safety reasons, **classes are always cancelled** as well. The Division never runs classes when buses have been cancelled because 70% of our students are transported by bus.

Bus Drivers

Individual bus drivers have the right and responsibility not to drive if they determine that it is too hazardous to drive on their roads. Drivers must contact all parents/guardians and the Director of Operations and Infrastructure when they make the decision not to drive their route.

Principals

The principal must ensure that someone is at the school to receive students or staff that may not be aware of a full closure.

Ensure that all students have a current storm billet.

Staff

When **buses/classes** have been cancelled, staff are expected to report to school as soon as it is safe to do so.

When **schools are closed**, staff are not expected to report to school.

Parents/Guardians

When **buses/classes** have been cancelled, your student must not attend. If a student is kept home during inclement weather, when the school remains open, they will not be penalized for missing school or assessments. Parents/guardians must ensure the school has a current storm billet for their child.

Why close?

If at 6:00 a.m. the temperature, as read from the local weather station reaches -40°C or the windchill reaches -45°C , buses/classes will be cancelled. Other factors such as visibility and road conditions may also warrant the cancellation of buses/classes or the closure of schools.

When there is a full closure of all Divisional facilities, employees are not required to attend work. Employees must contact their supervisor for direction.

Students will not be sent home early on days of inclement weather except by specific instructions of the Superintendent/CEO.

FAQ

Where is the windchill factor reader located?

The readers are located at Oak Point, Fisher Branch and Gimli.

Why a windchill of -45°C ?

This is in the range of dangerous conditions for transporting students.

As an employee, do I have to go to work when I hear that schools are closed?

In all cases, please contact your supervisor. There may be inaccurate information that has been transmitted on the radio or through social media.

Lakeshore or Interlake?

Our school division is **Lakeshore**.