



NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO
Student Services Consortium



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111 BUS CANCELLATIONS (MORNING)	Date: June 2009
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Statement and Rationale	Due to inclement weather conditions, facility failure or other possible factors, the Consortium may have to cancel transportation service for the day.
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Procedure	<p>There are certain conditions which may occur overnight which could impact transportation service the next day. These conditions could be weather related, a highway closure or relate to a school being shut down due to facility failure e.g.: water main break, gas leak.</p> <p>Due to the large geographic size of the Consortium’s service area, there may be different weather conditions or even different weather patterns throughout the service areas. It is possible that the school buses may run in one area but not in another. The service areas are broken out into the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Kenora ➤ Sioux Narrows ➤ Red Lake/Ear Falls ➤ Sioux Lookout ➤ Pickle Lake ➤ Upsala ➤ Dryden ➤ Ignace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a morning cancellation relates to a facility failure or highway closure or anything else unrelated to the weather, the appropriate school board staff will contact the Manager or designate. Based on where it occurs, transportation service will be adjusted accordingly. The appropriate bus operator will be contacted. The cancellation(s) will also be posted on www.nwobus.ca as well as an email alert issued by Consortium staff. In the event that the website is down, every effort will be made to contact the radio stations. <p>Weather Related</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Operators and the Manager or designate should be monitoring weather the night before. Often Environment Canada
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	<p>http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada_e.html will put out a weather warning or weather watch if a storm is possible or imminent. (A weather watch means it may possibly occur and weather warning means it is imminent.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When weather is a concern, Bus Operators are expected to perform road checks between 4:30 a.m. – 5:30 a.m. CENTRAL Time to assess current road conditions. If current road and weather conditions are a concern, the appropriate bus operator will contact the Manager or designate. • With weather situations, the Consortium and the Bus Operators attempt to make a decision by 5:45 a.m. CENTRAL Time. • The cancellation(s) will be posted on www.nwobus.ca Information can change as conditions change so it is important to refresh your internet browser to ensure you are seeing the most up to date information. Parents are encouraged to sign up for the Bus Alert system on www.nwobus.ca • The respective Directors of Education and Consortium Directors will receive periodic updates via email. <p>It is important to note that the decision to cancel buses is not made lightly. A decision is made with the best information available at the time of the decision. Conditions can suddenly change. If parents do not agree with the decision which has been made, it is their decision whether the transportation system is utilized.</p> <p>When buses are cancelled before the morning runs, they will be cancelled for the entire day.</p>
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