

What are the Board policies which govern decisions on Inclement Weather?

Two main policies govern decision making on inclement weather:

- Policy GDB “Salary Provisions For Staff Who Are Absent Due to Inclement Weather”
- Policy EEA “Transportation Procedures In Case of Hazardous Weather”

What is the difference between a “Cold Day” and a “Storm Day”?

A “Cold Day” for our purposes is defined in Policy EEA where it discusses both windchill temperatures and actual temperatures.

A “Storm Day” is a day when conditions are extreme enough that highways close or make it otherwise unsafe to travel.

It is recognized that these two types of days often have some overlap and discretion must be used to determine the safety of travel.

What is the temperature at which buses do not run in BPSD?

If the combined temperature and windchill is -46 or colder or actual temperature of -36 or colder buses will be cancelled. These temperatures are taken from a variety of sources and the decision may include all bus routes or a smaller area of bus routes.

If buses are cancelled will schools be closed?

Schools will remain open if buses are cancelled due to cold weather. If buses do not run due to stormy weather, decisions will be made about school closures on a case by case basis.

Who makes the decision as to whether buses run? Whether schools are closed?

The Superintendent/CEO in consultation with the Transportation Supervisor makes the decision as to whether buses run. Each driver also has the autonomy to decide whether their individual route is safe to drive.

The Superintendent makes the decision whether schools are open or closed.

Will divisional PD/Events run on days when buses do not run due to cold weather?

On cold weather days we would still run these events. If buses are not running due to stormy weather, decisions will be made on a case by case basis

What is the expectation of the division for staff attending PD events outside of BPSD on inclement weather days?

The expectation would be if the PD event is running and the weather is simply extremely cold people would make every attempt to attend the event. If the weather is stormy, we would expect our staff to use personal judgement as to whether they feel it is safe to travel.

If a staff member feels that it is unsafe to attend they should make their principal aware who will then notify the Superintendent. If a staff member does not attend a professional development event and their school is open, it is expected they will attend work.