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Dear Parents:

Now that the winter weather has arrived, I feel that it is important to review inclement weather procedures in the event that school buses are cancelled, schools are closed, or in rare situations where we will need to close schools prior to our scheduled dismissal time of 3:25 p.m. Please note that starting this year, due to a change in Board Policy, schools will be closed when the temperature is -35C with the wind chill or colder.

In the event that buses are cancelled or schools are closed prior to the start of the school day, the Waterloo Region District School Board will communicate this to parents in many ways. It will be communicated through the Board's website (www.wrdsb.ca), and through the local media. Local media includes:

KOOL-FM	FM 105.3	CKWR Kitchener	FM 98.5
MAGIC FM	FM 106.1	CHYM Kitchener	FM 96.7
590 News	AM 570	Dave FM	FM 107.5
Oldies 1090	AM 1090	Kicx	FM 106.7
Faith FM	FM 94.3	The Beat	FM 91.5
CTV Kitchener		CBC Radio	FM 89.1

When we experience inclement weather, it is the responsibility for parents to check one of these sources and to listen carefully as to the type of closure that we will be experiencing. These can range from bus cancellations in certain areas that our Board services, bus cancellations for the entire system, and a complete closing of all Board facilities. Please note that in situations where our buses are cancelled and the school is open, parents of bus students who opt to drive their children to school are also responsible to pick them up at the end of the day as there will be no buses to return them home.

In the rare event that schools are closed prior to the scheduled end of the school day, it is the responsibility of parents to arrange alternative accommodation for their child if the child cannot go home during an unscheduled school closing and to ensure that the child is aware of this. It is important for parents to update the school with changes in phone numbers or alternative contact / pick up information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Sincerely,

Glenn A. Kitamura
Principal