



# York Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## **Preparing for School Closures in Case of Extreme Inclement Weather and Emergency Situations**

In recent years, there has been an increase in extreme inclement weather and as a result, we have reviewed how to respond in such circumstances. While we continue to keep our schools open as regularly as possible, there may be rare situations during extreme inclement weather or emergency situations when in addition to student transportation cancellation, we will have to close schools and Board facilities, including all Child Care Centres.

A decision regarding school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. This will also result in the closure of all board facilities, including Child Care Centres as well as the cancellation of Before and After School programs. Parents will be notified of a closure via School Messenger as well as through our usual notification systems for inclement weather, which include:

- Board website and school websites
- @YCDSB Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets
- Student Transportation Services website: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)
- Student Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001

As a reminder, if schools are closed due to extreme inclement weather or emergency situations, Before and After Care and Child Care will not operate.

Permits, meetings or other functions scheduled for the school building will be cancelled.

Exams, tests, quizzes, excursions, charter trips, school programs, co-curricular activities, evening presentations, workshops, in-services, as well as, parent meetings (e.g. Identification, Placement and Review Committee Meetings, IPRCs) will be cancelled and rescheduled.

All Continuing Education Courses scheduled for during the day and evening, will be cancelled. This includes: ESL, Secondary, and Adult Interest Courses.

Hot Lunch programs at all YCDSB Elementary Schools will be cancelled.

Cafeteria Services at all YCDSB Secondary Schools will be closed.



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SafeArrival is not in effect in the event of a school closure and unexplained absence calls will not be made as schools will not be staffed. Students will be marked as having an acceptable absence (G-Day) in the Maplewood system, unless they have already reported an absence for other reasons.

Outside of these rare occurrences, schools will continue to remain open on inclement weather days when school transportation is cancelled. A bus cancellation doesn't necessarily mean that there is an emergency school closure. Emergency school closures are treated separately.

As always, our top priority continues to be the safety of our students, staff members and families. If you have any questions, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ab Falconi". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ab Falconi  
Director of Education  
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