

# **Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary and Middle Schools Severe Weather, School Closures and Busing Procedures**

## **SCHOOL CLOSURE**

If a situation develops before 7:00 a.m. where the school needs to be closed entirely (because of a snowstorm or other kind of emergency), the closure will be announced on **CJOB at, or sometime soon after, 7:00 a.m. We will post this information on our website by 7:00 a.m.** Please make a point of tuning into CJOB during times of severe weather conditions. You will also be contacted through the school emergency phone tree.

## **BUSING STUDENTS**

a) *Cold temperatures, dangerously high windchills (-45° or colder) or blizzard conditions* may cause the School to **shut down the busing system**. The driver will initiate the bus phone tree. **We will post this information on our website by 7:00 a.m if buses will not be running in the morning.** If your child(ren) will not be attending school that day, please contact the school office. **If only windchill conditions are the factor, we will reassess conditions at 1:00 pm, and a temperature warmer than -45° will mean buses will run in the afternoon. Parents are encouraged to check conditions and should expect the school to act accordingly.**

b) *In the event that a storm approaches or some other emergency develops during the course of a school day, an early dismissal may be required.* If the bus were to leave only a few minutes ahead of their usual departure time, this should not present a major problem. If weather conditions dictate that buses will be operating on a significantly different schedule than usual, parents will be contacted by the school.

c) *Winter driving conditions may make it difficult for the bus driver to stay right on schedule at certain times.* **Please remember that the well-being of your child/ren, while waiting for the bus, is your responsibility.**

## **WALKING/CAR POOLING STUDENTS**

In cases of severe weather conditions, parents will need to decide whether to have their child/ren come to school in the morning. If such conditions set in during the course of the day, parents may wish to pick up students early. In any event, walking/car pool students would be required to remain at school until appropriate arrangements with parents or guardians have been made.

## **OUTDOOR RECESSES**

Children should come to school in winter dressed warmly enough so that they can go outdoors for most recesses. When the temperature (including the windchill factor) is -25° or lower, outdoor recesses are cancelled.