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**Dear Parents and Families;**

A reminder as we move into colder weather, the Board recently updated its transportation policy and moved a significant amount of content into administrative procedures. The policy change was circulated for feedback through email and social media from November 25 - December 25 and received no feedback from the public. Three transportation policies were amalgamated into one policy and one administrative procedure. One of the changes that was highlighted was the removal of the temperature (-32) where buses would not operate, as this was deemed arbitrary and outdated. There may be situations where buses are unable to run and such cancellations will be communicated through the regular channels. The change is reflected below:

***Cold Weather Procedures***

*“Parents must exercise discretion as to whether students should be sent to school when temperatures are low, and conditions are hazardous. Responsibility for such decisions cannot rest with the supervisor, the bus driver or the Board.*”

*Cancellation of school buses will be determined by the Manager of Facilities and Transportation after notifying the Superintendent and the cancellation will be posted on the School District Website [www.sd27.bc.ca](http://www.sd27.bc.ca) as well, School Principals / Vice-Principals and District Senior Staff will be notified by email of all cancellations or issues.”*

We will continue to update our policy and procedures in an effort to maximize our service to our students and families.

Sincerely,

Norine Durban  
Secretary-Treasurer

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