

Guidelines for School and/or Bus Cancellations due to Inclement Weather

Cape Breton weather can change quickly and be challenging to predict. This document outlines the steps we take when deciding whether to cancel or delay school and/or bussing for students in CBVRCE.

A 6:30 a.m. announcement for students could be:

All classes are cancelled for the day

OR

Some classes (by individual schools or by family of schools) are cancelled for the day

OR

*All schools are open, **but** some or all busses are operating on paved roads only.*

OR

*All schools are delayed in opening by 1 or 2 hours.
(Bus pick-up times also delayed by 1 or 2 hours; Dismissal at regular time.)*

If weather deteriorates, or is forecast to worsen throughout the morning,

An 11 a.m. announcement for students could be:

Bussed students will be picked up 2 hours earlier than their regular dismissal time.

AND/OR

Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour

How does CBVRCE decide on school and/or bus cancellations?

By 4:30 a.m., CBVRCE staff begin to gather information from:

- A contracted weather service that provides radar and satellite imagery, real-time road conditions and weather warnings;
- A meteorologist who provides forecast details, level and type of precipitation and impact on road conditions;
- Municipal and provincial transportation staff; and
- Other local weather services, including Environment Canada and the Weather Network.

By 5:30 a.m., CBVRCE staff make recommendations to the Director of Operations (or designate), who then makes the final decision.

This decision is communicated by 6:30 a.m.

Where can cancellation information be found?

Website: cbvrce.ca
Twitter: @CB-VRCE_NS
Phone: 902-563-5400

Subscribe to receive email/text alerts by contacting your child(ren)'s school.

REMEMBER:

Parents/guardians always have the right to keep their child home from school if they believe that the travelling conditions are unsuitable.