Inclement Weather Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding School Closures and Delays

Question	Answer
1. Who decides if there is a school cancellation?	The Superintendent makes the decision based on input from Provincial and District transportation officials, who assess weather and road conditions. No communication is sent if schools are open as usual.
2. When will school cancellations be made?	The decision process starts early in the morning: - **4:45 a.m. – 5:15 a.m.**: Evaluate road conditions with snow plow operators. - **5:15 a.m. – 5:30 a.m.**: Review weather forecasts and road conditions. - **5:30 a.m.**: Superintendent makes the decision. - **5:30 a.m. – 5:45 a.m.**: Internal messages sent to staff. - **5:45 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.**: Cancellations are announced. **Please note these times may vary depending upon the circumstances. Every effort will be made to have an announcement shared by 6:00 a.m.**
3. What does a "Two Hour Delayed School Opening" mean?	Schools open and buses run two hours later than usual. Sometimes the worst of the weather conditions have passed, but additional time is needed to clear roads or parking lots. For example, if a bus usually picks up at 7:45 a.m., the new pickup time will be 9:45 a.m. on that day.
4. Can I still drop my child off at school at the regular time if there's a two-hour delay?	No. School buildings will open two hours later, and there will be no staff on site until that time.
5. Why is there now a two-hour delay instead of a one-hour delay?	The delay has been extended to allow more time for clearing roads, especially in rural areas where road conditions may take longer to improve. Our District is a large and mostly rural area. While main roads may appear to be cleared, many other roads and parking lots may not be cleared until later.
6. What happens if bad weather starts while students are already at school?	If inclement weather begins during the school day, an "Early Dismissal" may occur. Buses will return to school, and parents/guardians will be notified. Please ensure your school has your up-to-date contact information.
7. How will I know if school is cancelled?	Closure information will be shared in several ways: - **Bus Planner**: Register for email notifications about bus delays, cancellations, or school closures. Visit our website and click on the Bus Planner button or Register here for Bus Planner - **Snow Lines**: Recorded messages are available after 6:00 a.m.

	- **Website**: Check the District website at https://asdn.nbed.ca/. - Facebook: Check the District's Facebook page at Anglophone North School District. - **Radio**: Some local radio stations will announce closures. **Note**: School Messenger notifications are optional and are a school-based decision, and should not be relied upon as the sole method of communication.
8. What if schools are open but I don't feel the road conditions are safe?	Parents/guardians have the right to keep their child home if they feel that road conditions are unsafe. Your child's absence will not be counted against them. Enter the absence in the School Messenger Safe Arrival system and note "weather" in the comment box.