

## Important Parent Update

December 19, 2022

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Hello everyone,

With windchill temperatures in parts of Alberta forecast to be hovering near -45C from Tuesday through Thursday (our line for considering school closure or a Red Day), we feel it's timely to share some key reminders with you so that you can be fully prepared as a parent.

For your awareness:

- 1) When windchill temperatures are forecast to exceed -45C between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., we are likely to call a Red Day and close your child's school or schools in your area. We make every effort to make that decision prior to 6 a.m. and communicate it to everyone by 6:30 a.m. that day.
- 2) Please know that because the temperatures are forecast to be right on the closure line from Tuesday to Thursday, we will be making our final decision with respect to a Red Day each morning because it is too close to call the night before.
- 3) When windchill temperatures exceed -40C, we do not run buses. Also, when temperatures are extremely cold we can run into mechanical issues with respect to our buses. These two factors combined make it highly likely that there will be significant busing disruptions for the remainder of this week. Decisions to run or not run buses in your area will be finalized each morning. Please check CESD School Messenger or our [Bus App](#) for daily updates.
- 4) In the event of a Red Day, all extracurricular activities (like athletics and Christmas concerts) will be canceled for the day and/or evening.

As parents you can help us by:

- 1) Having a plan for child care in the event that your child cannot be transported (Yellow Day) to school or in the event that the school is closed (Red Day).
- 2) Ensuring that if schools are open that your child is warmly dressed for extreme weather conditions.
- 3) Checking your email for decisions on Red Days in Chinook's Edge. Yellow Days are communicated to bus parents only.
- 4) Please visit our [Inclement Weather page](#) on our website for more information.

As a final note, please know that we make the best decisions we can with the information that is provided to us at a given time. We truly want students, parents and staff to be safe and to still use their own best judgment when it comes to driving to school on days when they face inclement weather. Safety will always be our top priority.

Thank you for your understanding,

Kurt Sacher  
Superintendent of Schools