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Weather Protocol

This memo is intended to provide parents/guardians with information on the weather related delays/closures.

In making a decision to delay/close school:

- the first consideration must always be the safety of students, keeping in mind the following criteria: snowfall, wind, visibility, temperature, and road conditions.
- The impact of weather on instructional time is also an important consideration and, consequently, the adopted default for weather-related decisions this year is to delay school opening for a specified period of time (e.g. 1 hour, 2 hours, etc.).
- In situations where weather conditions are significant and a delayed opening does not present enough time to make a decision for the remainder of the day, a morning closure may be necessary.
- Only in situations of extreme conditions where the weather has not subsided or roads and/or parking lots cannot be addressed early enough and there remains a concern for student safety, should a school remain closed for the day.
- it is the expectation that schools will remain open when the majority of students can be transported safely, even though students from outside the community where the school exists may have a delayed bus run or are not be able to travel at all on that day.
- in cases when students are in school and conditions deteriorate a decision will be on sending students home when it is safe to do so.

Decisions on school closures will be relayed to parents/guardians through the following means: synervoic, school announcements on VOXM and CBC, twitter and Status Central (available on the NLESD website).

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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