

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we head into the winter months, we would like to provide some important information and reminders about bus cancellations in Simcoe County.

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) provides transportation services for Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) schools. When there is poor weather, the SCSTC, in conjunction with the bus operators, assesses the road conditions and determines if buses and school vehicles are safe to operate. The decision to cancel school buses is made before the start of the school day, usually before 6 a.m. The SCSTC makes every effort to post announcements between 6 and 7 a.m. with the local radio stations, on the [SCSTC website](#) and the [SCSTC's Twitter](#).

When buses are cancelled SCDSB schools will remain open for student learning, as in previous years. It is always a family decision whether or not it is safe for your child(ren) to leave for school under severe weather conditions.

This year, please note that students who are unable to attend school due to bus cancellations will be able to access learning materials on the digital learning platform assigned by their teacher, either Desire2Learn (D2L) or Google Classroom.

Students in the Learn@Home program will continue with regular programming as scheduled.

Throughout the pandemic, the SCDSB has taken our guidance from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) on all matters related to COVID-19. We have consulted with the SMDHU and they have advised that SCDSB schools may remain open when buses are cancelled, provided the existing public health protocols remain in place.

To stay connected and informed, visit our website at www.scdsb.on.ca or follow us on social media (Twitter: @SCDSB_Schools or Facebook: www.facebook.com/SCDSB).

Not sure what weather zone you are in?

North - Elmvale, Midland, Penetanguishene & Orillia

South - Alliston, Beeton, Bradford, Cookstown & Tottenham

Central - Barrie, Innisfil & Angus

West - Collingwood, Stayner & Wasaga Beach

For bus cancellations and other transportation information you can follow the SCSTC on Twitter [@SCSTC_SchoolBus](#). You can also subscribe to receive bus delay notifications at <https://scstc.ca/Subscriptions/Login.aspx>.