Our mission is to educate learnecn BTE 492543 TuhnatioC4ssgs64Dur missin6 121(ss-s t)e

Administrative Guideline School Closure/Bus Cancellation

The Manager of Transportation or designate will request the local radio stations to broadcast a report on the alteration of services with the appropriate details.

- 3. When transportation is cancelled due to inclement weather, schools will normally remain open. Under severe weather conditions the Manager of Transportation will contact the Director of Education or designate who will determine if any or all schools are to be closed.
- 4. It is the responsibility of pupils, parents/guardians and employees to listen to the radio for announcements about the cancellation of transportation and/or school closures. Radio stations will be notified by Nipissing Parry Sound Student Transportation Services.
- 5. Routes that are cancelled in the morning will not operate in the afternoon. Parents, who drive their children to school, will be responsible for picking their child(ren) up at dismissal in the afternoon.
- 6. When buses are cancelled in the morning, there will be no transportation of Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten children attending afternoon classes.
- 7. Each Principal shall have contingency plans in place that shall be followed in the event of transportation cancellation and/or school closure. This plan shall include the prearrangement to have someone at the school at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the opening bell, to make arrangements for the care of any student who arrives at school unaware of the closure.
- 8. Each Principal shall distribute to parents/guardians, no later than September 30 each year, a letter outlining the current inclement weather procedures. The information should advise parents/guardians of the need to listen to the radio for announcements on bus cancellations and/or school closures, and for local weather conditions. A parental decision to keep children at home due to uncertainty of weather conditions will be respected. Parents should also be advised to determine in advance where their children will go if schools are closed, and to inform the school of these arrangements.
- 9. If school buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, all off-campus excursions are cancelled.
- 10. If buses have not been cancelled and a driver is unable to complete their route due to weather or road conditions, the driver must notify their bus operator and ensure that every effort is made to inform the school, parents and students that their bus route is cancelled.

11. 80060 800 blande

11.1 The Manager of Transportation will notify the Director of Education/designate

Administrative Guideline School Closure/Bus Cancellation

Education/designate, the Director of Education/designate of the coterminous school boards, the School Principals, the Managers of Transportation and the bus operators, shall decide on the early dismissal of bus pupils.

- 11.2 The decision to implement early dismissal of bus pupils must be made by 11:00 a.m.
- 11.3 The decision will be communicated as soon as possible to the School Principals and Nipissing Parry Sound Student Transportation Services who will relay the information to the usual radio stations.
- 11.4 Parents and/or guardians of all pupils must designate their wishes beforehand in writing concerning the dismissal of their children. They may wish to be contacted OR to have their child ride the bus OR go to a friend's house OR to remain at the school or an alternate location in the case where the school is uninhabitable.

No students in Grades JK to 8 will be sent home until the parents and/or guardians or a designate have been notified or the Principal is satisfied that a viable alternative arrangement for student safety has been made.

- 11.5 In order to be reasonably assured that all students have arrived home or at the previously designated location, the Principal will make arrangements for someone to remain at the school after normal hours to receive calls from parents and/or guardians.
- 11.6 The Principal, in consultation with the Director of Education will use his/her discretion to dismiss employees once early dismissal of all students has been completed.

2 6469

2 2000

12.1.1 The Principal is informed by a custodian or staff member that the power at their school is out.