

## Important Information for Families: Inclement Weather Procedures

### Dear Parents and Guardians,

As winter approaches, the Near North District School Board (NNDSB) would like to remind families of our procedures during inclement weather. **Student safety is our top priority and so is ensuring that learning continues.**

### Transportation and School Operations

In recent years, NNDSB has experienced a **high number of bus cancellations** due to unsafe road conditions. While transportation may be disrupted, **schools remain open whenever possible.**

- If **Nipissing Parry Sound Student Transportation Services (NPSSTS)** cancels buses, families may arrange alternate transportation (to and from school). Student arrival and departure times remain consistent with the regular school day.
- In rare cases of severe weather or utility outages, schools may close. Notifications will be shared through:
  - <https://www.npssts.ca>
  - Local media outlets
  - Individual school communications

### Learning Continues at School

When buses are cancelled, **instruction does not stop.** Teachers plan meaningful lessons and activities for students who attend. **We strongly encourage families to send students to school if it is safe to do so.**

Attending school ensures students stay connected to their learning and classroom community.

**For those unable to attend school:**

- Teachers will communicate routines and resources to enable **at-home learning opportunities**, which may include:
  - Previously assigned class assignments or activities,
  - Online resources via [Edsby](#), LMS, or Ministry-approved tools such as [TVO Learn](#)
- Plans will consider internet access, individual learning needs, and curriculum goals.

**Staying Informed**

- Monitor local radio stations and <https://www.npssts.ca> for transportation updates.
- Create an account with NPSSTS for real-time notifications through the parent portal.

Thank you for supporting student learning during inclement weather. If you have questions, please contact your child's school directly.