



MEMORANDUM

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Date: October 1, 2017

To: **Parents of Students Attending Beiseker/Kathryn Schools**

From: The Principal

Subject: **Emergency Closure of Schools**

****RVS Transportation Information Line for school bus route updates – 403-945-4138****

In compliance with Board policy, the following procedures will be followed in the case of emergency school closure and cancellation of bus service:

1. Notwithstanding these emergency procedures, **it is always the responsibility of the parent to determine whether or not it is safe for a student to leave for school under severe weather conditions as well as other times.**
2. Closure procedures due to weather will be initiated as early as possible and before students are picked up by the school bus in the morning. Once school begins for the day, school will not be closed because of weather conditions until regular dismissal time. Should it be deemed unsafe to dismiss students at the usual time, students may be kept at the school until it is deemed safe to depart, or until other arrangements have been made.
3. Decisions to close school because of inclement weather or other emergencies will be announced on radio - Air 106.1, Air 91.5, CBC, CHFM Lite96, 66 CFR, JACK FM, QR77, Country 105 and by broadcast - CTV, Global, CityTV, CBC. This information also will be posted on the Rocky View Schools' website, Facebook, Twitter and available by telephoning the RVS Transportation information line 403.945.4138.
4. In the event that school is open but an individual bus driver deems it unsafe to drive his/her route, the driver will telephone parents. Parents will have the option of transporting their children to school but, unless otherwise informed by their bus driver, must be prepared to pick up the children at the end of the school day. Drivers may also alter or delay their bus routes in response to weather conditions. Parents will be informed through a telephone call from their bus driver of any planned delays or revisions to the bus routes.
5. There is a possibility that schools may be closed during the day because of power failures, heating, or plumbing or other emergency. Every effort will be made to hold the children at school. If circumstances warrant, children will be transferred to another location in the immediate area until regular dismissal time. It is the Parents' responsibility to make provisions for their children should school be closed.