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Statement	<p>Student transportation service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. In the interest of student safety, when the outside temperature reaches a predetermined extreme cold temperature, student transportation will be cancelled for the day.</p>
Practice	<p>When the outside AMBIENT temperature reaches -34 degrees Celsius at 6:00 am, student transportation may be cancelled for the morning or for the day.</p> <p>Determination and process of the cancellation will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ STSTB will monitor the weather conditions and temperatures throughout the night. ➤ If the ambient temperature is -34°C or below, regardless of wind chill, on the Environment Canada Weather Website (at the Thunder Bay Airport) (http://weather.gc.ca) at 6:00 am, student transportation may be cancelled for the morning. ➤ All factors are to be considered before any cancellation of student transportation and the duration thereof. (eg. weather forecast including the expected duration and severity of the extreme cold temperatures). ➤ STSTB will contact the member school boards and inform them of any decision to cancel transportation. ➤ Any decision to close schools for the day is the responsibility of the individual member school boards.

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Procedures for implementing a discontinuation of student transportation due to weather conditions are outlined in the Transportation Emergency Weather and School Bus Evacuation Procedures Booklet. This booklet is updated yearly by **STSTB** and is sent to Principals, Bus Operators, Board Office Staff and is also available to them electronically through the secure portals on the STSTB website (www.ststb.ca).

Public announcements on route closures and school closures will be available via:

- the STSTB snow closure line: **625-1661**
- the STSTB website: **www.ststb.ca**
- STSTB social media accounts:
facebook.com/ststhunderbay
twitter.com/TBayBus
instagram.com/ststhunderbay
- STSTB **Bus Status App** (including push notifications)
- Member boards' websites and social media accounts
- local radio stations starting at 7:00 am.

The safety of the student to, from and while waiting at the bus stop is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and it is ultimately the parents decision to put their child on the bus if they have concerns regarding buses running during inclement weather.

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