

FOR DPCDSB SCHOOLS LOCATED IN DUFFERIN COUNTY (Orangeville)

*Including Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School

October 29, 2021

As we approach the winter months and the potential of weather-related bus cancellations, the following information and expectations are provided for DPCDSB staff working in schools located in Dufferin County (Orangeville) and parents/guardians whose children attend DPCDSB schools located in Dufferin County (Orangeville). This applies to St. Andrew, St. Benedict and St. Peter Catholic Elementary Schools.

BACKGROUND

For student transportation purposes, DPCDSB's three schools located in Dufferin County (Orangeville) (St. Andrew, St. Benedict, St. Peter) are served by Service de Transport de Wellington-Dufferin Student Transportation Service (STWDSTS).

In pre-pandemic times, a bus cancellation would generally only affect students who took the bus to school. While the majority of students in DPCDSB's Orangeville schools are bused, the school remained open, and classes/cohorts would be combined. In our current COVID environment, we do not mix classes/cohorts. If school buses are cancelled in Dufferin County, ALL three schools in Dufferin County will switch to remote learning for the day and the school will be closed to students for the day.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR DPCDSB STUDENTS AND STAFF IN DPCDSB'S DUFFERIN COUNTY SCHOOLS (St. Andrew, St. Benedict, St. Peter) WHEN BUSES ARE CANCELLED

Due to the greater frequency of weather-related bus cancellations in Dufferin County schools, those in-person learners who require a device will be provided with one for the duration of the winter should the school switch to remote learning for any length of time due to inclement weather conditions.

- In-person learners will switch to remote learning for the day and log on to their Learning Management Systems (LMS) to receive instruction similar to the manner in which students were taught during last year's pandemic closure periods.
- Educators will be required to access their Learning Management Systems (LMS), to teach remotely, similar to the manner in which students were taught during last year's pandemic closure periods.
- Full-time remote learners and remote educators will continue with their regular remote learning program on that day.
- Educators have the flexibility to work from home or at the school location, noting that the schools will be closed to students.

HOW DO I KNOW THERE IS A BUS CANCELLATION?

Bus cancellation notices are usually posted by 6:00 am or shortly afterwards in the following ways:

WEBSITES

- [Service de Transport de Wellington-Dufferin Student Transportation Service \(STWDSTS\)](#)
- [DPCDSB \(Yellow ALERT banner at dpcdsb.org\)](#)

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SOCIAL MEDIA

- Twitter: @STWDSTS
- Twitter: @DPCDSBSchools | Instagram: @DPCDSB.Schools | Facebook: @DPCDSBSchools

RECORDED PHONE MESSAGE

- 905-890-0708

QUESTIONS?

Parents/Guardians: If you have questions related to bus cancellation days, please contact your child(ren)'s school.

DPCDSB Staff: If you have questions related to work expectations on bus cancellation days, please contact your principal/supervisor.

Thank you for your attention to this important information that we trust will help clarify the process and expectations on days when bus cancellations occur.