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Memo

To: All Bus Parents & Guardians
From: Rolanda Lavallee
Transportation Manager,
School District No. 54 (Bulkley Valley)
Re: Unexpected Bus Cancellations

Dear Bus Parents & Guardians,

This winter's unusually warm weather is creating challenging road conditions, which could result in more frequent busing disruptions.

Over the winter months, frequent shifts between rain, compact snow, and sudden drops in temperature have created challenging and unpredictable conditions on our side roads and highways. This includes black ice, pooling water and rapidly changing road temperatures both during the dawn AM and dusk PM busing times.

These environmental factors can make travel unsafe, even when roads may appear clear. As a result, bus cancellations may occur more often during this winter. We want to assure you that these decisions are made solely with the safety of students and staff in mind and are not related to budgetary considerations.

With the early winter weather conditions we experienced in November, conditions that contributed to a bus crash, safety-based decision-making continue to guide every step of our process when the decision is made to cancel buses. Our transportation team works closely with the highway departments, actively monitoring road and weather, and maintains ongoing communication with our team to ensure timely and informed decisions are being made based on those updates.

We strive to provide bus status notifications as quickly and accurately as possible, based on the information available to us. Bus Status 4 is a free app you can download to your mobile device for real-time updates about your school bus. Status updates are also available on the School District website:

<https://sd54.busstatus.ca/>

We understand that cancellations can be challenging for parents and guardians, particularly with short notice. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate these unusual weather patterns. Our priority will always be the safety of everyone using our transportation services.

Sincerely,

R. Lavallee

Rolanda Lavallee
School District 54, Transportation Manager