



**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 (NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN)**

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

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Dear SD58 families,

**RE: Emergency and Inclement Weather / Staff Shortage Information**

*General Information:*

During an emergency, the district's first priority is to ensure the safety of our staff and students. We will work closely with local municipalities, emergency services and the Ministry of Education and Child Care to assess the situation, gather accurate information and implement emergency safety protocols.

*Inclement Weather / Staff Shortages:*

The district will try to determine school closures due to inclement weather or staff shortages by 6:30 am. Due to adverse road conditions or staff shortages due to absences, it may be necessary to cancel bus pickup and delivery, and during severe weather situations, close schools. If this were to occur, information regarding these disruptions will be provided to local radio stations, and posted on the School District's website, Facebook and Twitter. In the case of a bus route being cancelled, the district will also notify families through an automated phone call.

It is our hope that emergent situations and severe weather conditions do not dictate any cancellation of bus routes or closures of schools, but it is important to be prepared. We encourage all caregivers to check our District Web Page ([www.sd58.bc.ca](http://www.sd58.bc.ca)) and, if possible, follow us on our Twitter account (@sd58connect) for up-to-date information. In addition, we also ask that all families provide accurate contact information to schools so that timely communication can take place.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please contact the School Board Office at 250-378-5161.

Sincerely,

Dylan Richardson  
CFO Secretary Treasurer

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