



## **BAD WEATHER – SCHOOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES** *Information for Parents and Students*

Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can strike during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, the decision on the opening or closing of schools is made by the Superintendent in consultation with management staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions and general condition of schools.

While service to students and parents is a priority, schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible. Student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to tune into radio stations **STAR (98.3FM)**, **HAWK (89.5FM)** **CBC (91.7FM)** or the **School District website [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca)** to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will start after 5:30am and will be repeated regularly. The information broadcast is directly from the school district. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.



In the event that there is inclement weather but the schools remain open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.