



# Canceling and Delaying School Protocol

## The School District of North Fond du Lac



The School District of North Fond du Lac is dedicated to provide a high quality education in a safe environment. Getting our students to and from school safely is one of our top priorities. When a decision is made to cancel or delay school the following criteria is used:

- How **safe** is it for our buses to transport students
- How **safe** is it for our students to walk to school

These are the only two criteria used to make decisions for cancelations or delays. The District (lead by the superintendent) collaborates with Johnson Bus, surrounding districts, the Village of North Fond du Lac and Fond du Lac County. The amount of snow, temperature, driving conditions, plowing, forecast, and wind are all taken into consideration. *The final decision is based on student safety!*

In the case of extreme cold, the chart below is utilized (issued by the National Weather Service - <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter/windchill.shtml>). The District weighs the temperature + wind and the decision is driven by exposure of bare skin and frostbite. If the wind chill (combination of real temperature and wind speed) would cause frostbite to exposed skin in less than 30 minutes (dark blue and purple) a delay or cancelation (based on the forecast) would be strongly considered.

**The key is to dress warmly and cover exposed skin. As a parent, the decision to keep a child home because of weather conditions is always a reserved right – just make sure to inform your child’s school of that decision.**

The District is also working with Johnson Bus to get GPS monitoring software to all allow students and parents to know when buses are arriving at points on the route. This technology will hopefully be available very soon.



### NWS Windchill Chart

