

## **QUESNEL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **ATTACHMENT 'A' – POLICY 535 – COLD WEATHER/UNSAFE ROAD CONDITIONS: SCHOOL AND BUS OPERATIONS**

#### **COLD WEATHER NOTICE**

For the information of parents of children traveling by school bus during the winter months the Board of Education wishes to stress:

1. That no matter how good the bussing system can be, emergencies will happen and students should wear their warmest clothing for the journey to and from school.
2. All bus runs will be cancelled when the 5:00 a.m. Transportation Department temperature is at -32 C or colder. If bus runs are cancelled in the a.m., there will be no bus runs in the p.m. Teachers will be in attendance at schools and students are encouraged, if possible, to attend. Where there is sufficient enrolment, regular instruction will take place. However, if all students cannot attend, the regular program will not be offered and, students attending will receive instructional support, be offered study sessions, and/or review. This is applicable to all District schools. Please check local radio (Quesnel), CBC Radio (Prince George) and Global BC TV and the Quesnel School District web page and Facebook page for early morning announcements during cold weather conditions.
3. Parents should ensure that their children explicitly understand that they should return home to warmth if there is substantial delay in the arrival of the school bus. Attempts to hitch-hike to school are not approved under school discipline.
4. On days of low temperatures and/or severe wind chills, parents should carefully weigh the hazards involved in their children walking long distances to a bus or school and make an appropriate decision in respect of attendance.
5. The Wells and Nazko Schools make specific arrangements dependent on conditions in their school areas.