

December 18, 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On behalf of River East Transcona School Division, I want to thank our parents and caregivers for your understanding and cooperation during today's weather-related school closures. We recognize the significant impact these decisions have on families, and we do not take them lightly.

The cancellation of buses and the closure of schools in Winnipeg is a collective decision made by the six Winnipeg school divisions; together, we monitor weather and roadway conditions to determine if the situation meets criteria for bus cancellations and school closures.

Early this morning, Winnipeg superintendents met several times to monitor news, weather updates, and police reports. At 6:01 a.m., we made the decision to cancel all bussing across all school divisions, followed shortly by the closure of our three rural schools. At that time, the perimeter remained open; Winnipeg Transit was operating, and there were no traffic advisories within the city.

However, the Winnipeg Police Service later issued a shelter in place alert and advised motorists to stay off the roads. The perimeter and all routes in and out of the city were then closed. In response, Winnipeg superintendents met again and made the decision to close all schools and school division worksites in the city of Winnipeg.

While we strive to make these announcements as early as possible, we must also be prepared to respond to emergent and rapidly changing situations. Our actions are guided by the most current information available, and we acknowledge that these decisions have direct impacts on students, families, and staff.

We plan to reopen schools to staff and students on Friday, December 19, 2025, and resume bussing services. Should poor weather conditions develop into tomorrow, parents and caregivers will be notified of any bussing cancellations, or changes to school's reopening via School Messenger and our social media channels.

For the latest information on school closures and bus cancellations, please visit www.retsd.mb.ca, @RETSDschoools and @RETSDtransport on X, @retsdschools on Instagram, follow us on Facebook, check your Stopfinder app, and look for messages via SchoolMessenger.

Again, please know that our priority is always the safety of students and staff. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigated today's winter conditions.

Wishing you a safe winter season,



Sandra Herbst
Superintendent/CEO