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Subject: School Closures – Important Information for Families

Dear Families,

We are writing to provide additional context regarding the decision to close Winnipeg School Division schools today.

School closures in Winnipeg are extremely rare and determined through a coordinated response involving all seven Winnipeg school divisions. Beginning as early as 5:00 a.m., divisions monitor weather forecasts, roadway conditions, and city-wide factors such as power outages, to assess whether conditions meet the criteria for closing schools.

Shortly after 6:00 a.m. bus transportation was cancelled. At 7:15 a.m., a Winnipeg Police Service shelter-in-place advisory was issued publicly. This advisory, combined with worsening weather conditions and power outages across the city, led to the decision to close all Winnipeg schools.

We recognize the inconvenience this may have caused for some families. Please be assured that WSD responds as promptly as possible during hazardous weather conditions.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we navigate complex and evolving situations together in support of safe school communities. Classes will resume tomorrow, December 19th. Please check our website for updates on any transportation delays or cancellations.

Sincerely,

Matt Henderson,
Superintendent and CEO