

New Procedure: Emergency Partial School Closure

Following events where only a small sector of Riverside School Board's territory was affected by inclement weather conditions, we have decided to implement a partial school closure procedure affecting only certain problematic areas. Therefore, we would like to inform parents living in the Harold Sheppard School zone of this new procedure that may affect them.

As of today, should we experience inclement weather conditions affecting only the Harold Sheppard School area and ultimately not requiring a complete closure of all schools and centres, an emergency message will be posted on our website (www.rsb.qc.ca), as well as on our Facebook and Twitter pages, advising parents of the closure *for that section only*. The rest of the schools and centres of the school board will remain open. Such a decision will also be communicated via local radio and television stations.

In the event that the Harold Sheppard School zone has to be closed, it is important to note that, in addition to the closure of Harold Sheppard School, **no transportation would be available on this territory, including to Heritage Regional High School, to schools offering special programs (such as SAIL, BOOST, LINKS, etc.) to private schools and to specialized schools in Montreal.**

The areas affected by a partial school closure and where transportation services would not be provided are indicated below:

- Contrecoeur
- Massueville
- Saint-Aimé
- Saint-Bernard-de-Michaudville
- Saint-David
- Saint-Gérard-Majella
- Saint-Joseph-de-Sorel
- Saint-Jude
- Saint-Louis
- Saint-Michel-d'Yamaska
- Saint-Ours
- Saint-Robert
- Saint-Roch
- Sainte-Anne-de-Sorel
- Sainte-Victoire-de-Sorel
- Sorel-Tracy
- Yamaska
- Yamaska Est

Inclement weather and bad road conditions can change substantially within a few hours. Therefore, assessments and decisions are made in the morning before 5:40 a.m. They are based on the forecasted weather and on information gathered from our transporters. This information is communicated to the population between 5:30 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Please note that board-wide school closure procedure (for all schools and centres) remains unchanged.