

Inclement Weather

Statement

STOPR has established a procedure specific to inclement weather circumstances, to assess weather forecasts, current road, and weather conditions and, where appropriate, recommend school bus service cancellation and/or school closure to senior administration at each school board.

For the purposes of weather monitoring and communication of cancelled school bus services, the Region of Peel has been divided into three separate weather zones as weather conditions may require cancellation in a specific zone or zones.

Procedures

From October 1 to April 30, designated STOPR staff will assess forecast weather conditions and may communicate with designated school bus operator staff and appropriate regional/municipal staff to ascertain current and projected road conditions. Where existing or forecast conditions have the potential to compromise safe operation of the school bus system, STOPR staff will recommend cancellation of bus service by "Weather Zone" to designated senior administrators at each school board.

Bus cancellation options include "Zone One, Zone Two and Zone Three." Please refer to weather zone descriptions and zone map below for further details. In circumstances where existing and forecast conditions are extremely severe, a recommendation to close schools and offices is made to the Director of Education at each school board. In all circumstances of service cancellation, the objective is to finalize a decision and initiate the communication process by 6:00 am.

Bus cancellation decisions are communicated by weather zone, through the STOPR website, www.stopr.ca and the STOPR twitter account @STOPRInfo and are also posted respectively by the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and Peel District School Board websites and twitter accounts.

Required bus cancellations are in place for the entire school day regardless of changed weather or road conditions.

In circumstances where buses have operated in the morning and weather and road conditions deteriorate throughout the school day, buses will operate at normal dismissal time as there are

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insufficient resources and time to ensure that all parents of transported students are advised and positioned to receive their children at an earlier time than usual. In extreme circumstances of deteriorating weather and road conditions throughout the day or a declared state of emergency, it may not be possible to reasonably operate buses and students will remain at their school until they are picked up by a parent.

When transportation is cancelled in a specific weather zone or zones, school buses/vehicles will not provide service to a school located in a closed weather zone, will not pick up students who reside in a closed weather zone, and will not travel through a closed weather zone with students on board.

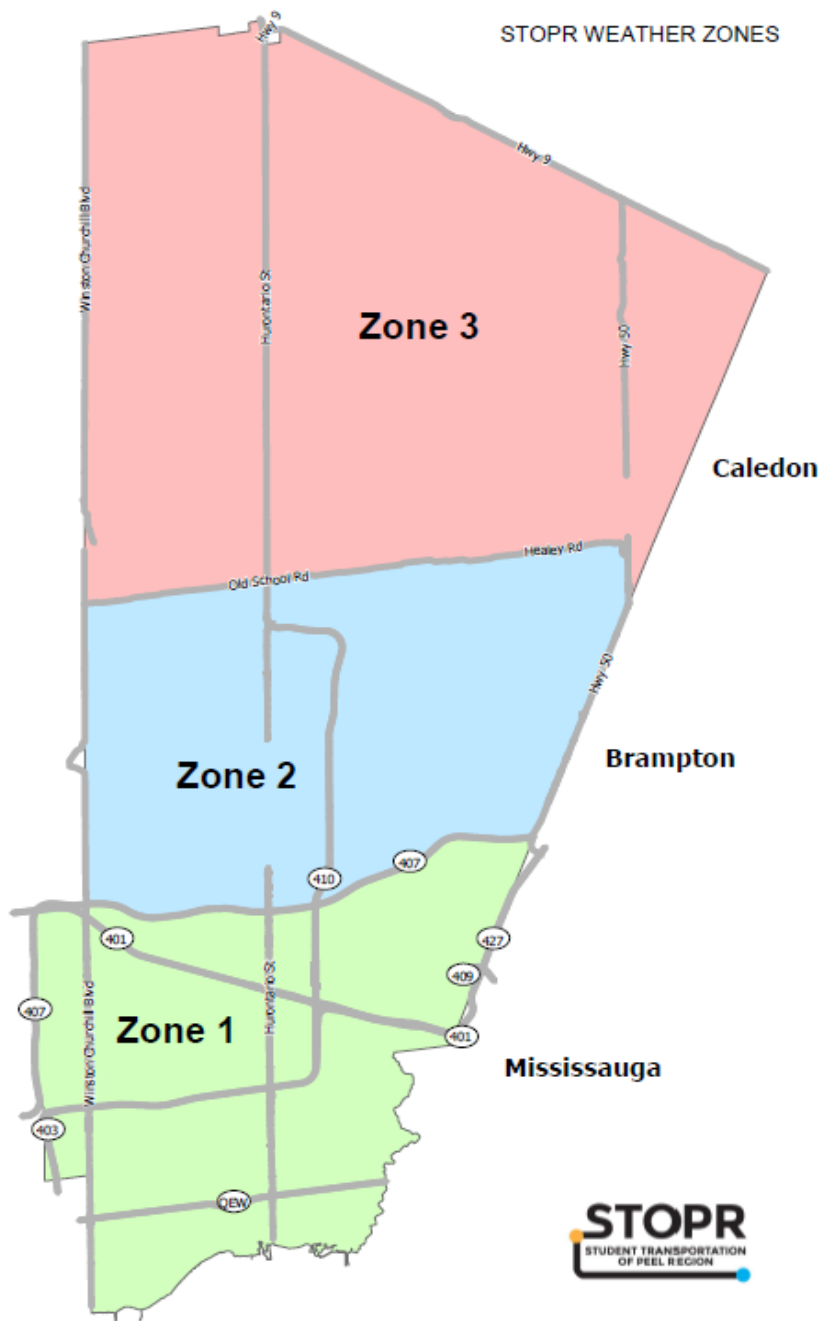
Therefore, it is important that parents understand what weather zone their children's school is located within and also what weather zone their home address is located within.

Weather Zone Descriptions and Map

Weather Zone	BOUNDARIES	COMMUNITIES
Zone #1	North: Highway 407 South: Lake Ontario East: Etobicoke Creek, Highway 427 West: Winston Churchill Blvd/Ninth Line	Mississauga, Meadowvale, Streetsville, Port Credit, Cawthra Park, Malton.
Zone #2	North: Old School Road, Healey Road South: Highway 407 East: Highway 50 West: Winston Churchill Blvd	Brampton, Bramalea, Southfields.
Zone #3	North: Highway 9 South: Old School Road East: Caledon King Townline West: Winston Churchill Blvd	Alton, Belfountain, Bolton, Caledon East, Caledon Village, Palgrave

The above weather zone descriptions and map provide a basic description of the three weather zones. A complete detailed list of schools by weather zone is available on the stopr weather site at www.stopr.ca under inclement weather.

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