



Sunday, May 1, 2022

**Schools will be open as usual on Monday, May 2, 2022.**

The past few months have brought many unique and difficult weather events. These events have impacted people's personal lives as well as our system's ability to operate and provide a stable learning environment for our students.

Our thoughts are with all of those in the area who have experienced difficulty caused by overland flooding. Special thanks to the tireless City of Morden and R.M. of Stanley staff, and all the volunteers that have worked to lessen the impact of this weather event on our community. We are all grateful for your efforts this weekend!

Each of the weather events we have experienced has brought different challenges to our daily operations. Our Operations staff has been in regular contact with both City of Morden and R.M. of Stanley staff throughout the weekend. We are working with them to allow for as normal a school day as possible for tomorrow, Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Rural Bus Routes**

Due to overland flooding, many closed roads and wash-outs, at the request of the R.M. to stay off roads until they can be assessed for safety **rural bus routes will not run tomorrow**. We are hopeful that an additional day will allow staff from the R.M. to assess the safety of these roads and that buses will run Tuesday. Drivers are contacting each of their families personally. Once buses do begin again, there may be delays as some road and bridge repairs will take time. If rural families are able to provide alternate transportation for your children, please do so at your discretion.

**City Bus Routes**

City bus routes will operate tomorrow. Many of our city students are picked-up by a rural bus as it enters the community each morning. As rural buses are not running, our Operations staff has had the time this weekend to re-arrange schedules to ensure that **all city students can still access bus service tomorrow**. Special thanks to our Operations staff and drivers for making this work for our kids!

**Boil Water Advisory**

The City of Morden is currently under a Boil Water Advisory. I personally talked with the on-call Medical Officer of Health for Manitoba early today and she confirmed that there was no problem with us operating schools tomorrow, we just can't drink the tap or fountain water. Although not required, our Operations staff has made arrangements to have a **supply of potable drinking water available at each school tomorrow**.

**Safety Around Open and Running Water**

The water caused by recent weather events and melting has created a safety risk that may be with us for some time. Please remind children to avoid areas with running and standing water. Overland flooding has caused erosion of creek banks creating instability. **If your child normally walks to school, but you can drive them, please do so.**

We have persevered through the pandemic, we will make it through this as well. Wishing you all the best as we get back to normal.

Respectfully,

*Stephen Ross*

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