

# Storm Days and School Cancellations

**Parents and guardians:** Text messages and emails are sent using PowerSchool Alert Solutions. Let your school know if your phone number or email changes.



**Staff and school community members:** Text messages and emails are sent using *Notify Me*. You can sign up for this service on the AVRSB website.

## We also share announcements on:

- The AVRSB website ([www.avrsb.ca](http://www.avrsb.ca))
- Twitter (@avrsb)
- A recorded message on the AVRSB Regional Office phone line (902-538-4600 or 1-800-850-3887)
- Local media outlets (AVR Network, Magic 94.9, 89.3 K-Rock, CBC Radio 1, CTV Morning Live Atlantic)



## What does “bus driver discretion” mean?

Sometimes we announce schools are open but bus drivers will use discretion on side roads. This means that road conditions are generally good, but some side roads may be unplowed or slippery, so a bus driver may choose not to travel these roads if they think it isn't safe to do so. Schools are notified and will try to contact families on affected roads. If a bus doesn't travel a road before school, it will not travel that road after school.



Student safety is always our first priority.

The decision to cancel or change bus transportation and/or school schedules is taken very seriously. We understand these decisions have an impact on families.

Decisions are based on information from professional weather forecasting services, contact with Nova Scotia Department of Transportation depots and AVRSB staff checking on-the-ground conditions.

Decisions to cancel school, dismiss students early, or change transportation are announced as close to 6 a.m. as possible. There may also be times when an unplanned early dismissal happens due to changing weather or road conditions.