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Dear SAC Members,

A week ago, I reached out looking for your input as we started to explore an additional option for school and bus operations during inclement weather. We wanted to know:

What important perspectives or ideas should we keep in mind as we consider the option to keep schools open, cancel morning buses and reinstate regular bus service for the end of the day?

Thank you to those who took the time to share their thoughts with us. We heard from more than 210 participants, who shared 240 thoughts and offered over 3,600 ratings on *ThoughtExchange*.

Overwhelmingly, the feedback we received was **not** in favour of this idea. Your input has helped shape our plan for this winter, and we will not be considering this addition to our current list of strategies. Instead, we will continue with our current options:

1. All or some schools open.
2. A delayed opening by two hours;
3. An early dismissal by two hours; or
4. All or some schools closed.

For an overview of the main themes and thoughts collected, please see the attached report.

Thanks again for your participation and valuable feedback.

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