

**OPERATION OF BUSES DURING PERIODS OF REDUCED VISIBILITY**

The Superintendent and Board of Education recognize that the safety of school bus passengers and driver is the most important part of school bus operations. Furthermore, the State of California (Vehicle Code 34501.6) has identified that a key factor in the safety of student passengers is the driver's ability to suspend operation of the bus when visibility on the roadway becomes limited.

Understanding that atmospheric conditions in a local area may change rapidly, and visibility may become limited to two hundred feet or less over a majority of the roadways traveled by school buses going to and from home, the Transportation Supervisor shall have the authority to suspend or delay the operation of school buses until such time as the visibility improves. The Transportation Supervisor shall notify the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Business Services, the Principal of the Glen Paul School, and any affected school sites, if pupils are being transported to/from other schools, of any decision to suspend or delay the operation of school buses.

At times when buses are used for school activity trips, the bus driver shall have the authority to suspend bus operations when reduced visibility affects the safe operation of the bus.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures for suspending bus operations pursuant to this policy.

*Legal reference:**EDUCATION CODE**39831.5 Instruction on school bus emergency procedures and passenger safety**VEHICLE CODE**34501.6 School buses; reduced visibility*